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FIFTY CENTS

RideFinders doles out area clean-air awards

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Maryville woman who drives to East St. Louis takes MetroLink to Forest Park and then bicycles to Creve Coeur was one of those recognized for their contribution to help clean up the region's air.

Deb Wess, an employee of Computer Sales International in Creve Coeur, Mo., was the winner of the award for Commuting by Bicycle given by RideFinders at its annual Clean Air Recognition Awards Luncheon Friday.

Twenty-four awards were given to individuals, companies and the media.

Jane Smith, director of the program, said those honored made a "tremendous" difference in air quality in the past year.

"The RideFinders program has done tremendously this year," she said. "We've seen the data base soar to more than 12,000 people in

"We are definitely getting the word out about ridesharing, and the benefits it brings to commuters."

Jane Smith
program director

the system.

"We've got more than 3,500 individuals that are actually registered for car pooling or van pooling, and now we're starting to get . . . other individuals with alternative modes registered as well," she said. "We are definitely getting the word out about ridesharing, and the

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The Nativity scene at the 'Way of Lights' Christmas display.

Tower Grove puts on first display

By Glen Gelzannis
Staff writer

Greg Gelzannis is getting the jitters. Opening night is getting closer.

The Kiwanis Fantasy of Lights display, Saturday, Nov. 29, in Tower Grove Park for neighborhood residents. A half-million lights will brighten the night starting at 5 p.m. Fantasy of Lights will open to the public

LIGHT SHOWS

Nov. 30.

Gelzannis is coordinating the first-year display and will be back and forth between south St. Louis and another display he coordinates, Celebration of Christmas, in Alton, Ill.

"As you go on and get it done, the list of things to do

gets smaller, but the details are greater," Gelzannis says.

The Metro-East resident admits to some nervousness. Is the color scheme right on the sets? Do the snow scenes really resemble a winter wonderland?

What if someone turns on the lights and . . . nothing?

"I think just like any performance, there's a certain

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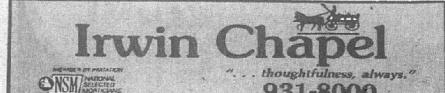
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Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of those holidays when Americans can truly feel a sense of togetherness. Whether our ancestors came to this country on the Mayflower or made their way here by horse or by crook at a later date, somehow we find a "connection" to those hardy adventurers and the American Indians who celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

We hope that all of our readers spend this holiday surrounded by family and friends. And for those who are alone, do something special for yourself. Cook a tasty meal, curl up on the couch and read a good book or watch a special video. It's a day for all to enjoy. From our "house" to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!



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Must be Santa

Saint Nick makes return on Friday



Sheet metal workers make repairs to the Santa House roof early this month.

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Santa Claus is coming to town Friday.

The jolly man himself is riding in the day after Thanksgiving, set up his workshop at the park on Neidringhaus Avenue.

The parade begins at 4 p.m. Friday with lineup at Granite City High School parking lot starting at 3.

The parade proceeds down Madison Avenue to the park, where Santa will turn on the Christmas lights for Santa's Holiday Avenue.

Other events are scheduled for Friday, including carolers, carriage rides and photographs with Santa Claus.

Santa's Holiday Avenue is made up of a committee made up of community leaders, city officials, business owners and interested parties have been busy for months preparing for the event, especially the park, for the Christmas season.

The group secured money from the downtown tax increment financing district to use as seed money to buy

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FDA to change warning labels

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

"With alcohol it decreases the liver's ability to handle the breakdown products (of the drug)."

Glen Kohnz
SEMC pharmacy director

Recent warnings by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and changes in packaging and warnings on some children's pain medications underscore a basic fact of medicine: Read the label carefully, even on over-the-counter medications.

The FDA announced Nov. 14 that it intends to require an alcohol warning on all over-the-counter pain relievers, including aspirin, other salicylates, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen sodium.

The warnings advise that people drinking three or more alcoholic beverages daily should ask their doctor's advice on over-the-counter pain relievers.

McNeil Consumer Products Co., the makers of Children's Tylenol and Children's Motrin, recently announced they are changing the packaging on the drugs to provide clearer warnings about use and dosage.

Locally, Glen Kohnz, director of the pharmacy at St.

Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, said that with the upcoming cold and flu season, it is very important to read labels and know what you are taking.

The FDA proposal follows an extensive study on the effects of alcohol consumption on pain medication users. The proposed warnings are designed to alert consumers about the specific risks that may be posed by the interaction of heavy alcohol consumption and the drugs.

The proposed rule opens up a 90-day comment period in which the public can respond to the agency's proposal.

The comment period will be used to develop the final rule, which would go into effect six months

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Special Christmas section inside today's Journal

If it's Thanksgiving Day, it must be time to look forward to Christmas.

With that thought in mind,

this special Thanksgiving Day edition of the Journal

presents a special look

toward the holiday season:

Inside, in Section D, is our

special Christmas Magazine, a 12-page section of news, features and photos that get you ready for the holiday season.

So, please enjoy your Thanksgiving Day holiday, then give our special Christmas section a look. Happy Holidays!

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Bi-State begins new operations

Effective Dec. 1, Madison County Transit District will assume the operation of several bus routes using its new fleet of low-floor buses. The buses are painted white with green and black stripes and an MCT logo. The transit district will operate the:

• #515A Godfrey Express #503 Collinsville-Edwardsville (most trips).

• #531 Pontoon Ltd #530 Granite City-E. St. Louis (most weekdays and Saturday trips).

• #530 Granite City Express.

• The #503 Collinsville-Edwardsville will have a new name and number effective Dec. 1, the #503 Collinsville Metropus. The #18 bus route will remain the same from SIU-Edwardsville to the Fairmont Race Track, but will not deviate via Anderson Hospital. Just as the #18 did, the route will access Interstate 55/70 via Black Lane, exiting the freeway at the 3rd Street exit, then travel via Monroe, 14th St. & Missouri MetroLink stations.

• Bi-State will operate weekend evening, Saturday evening and all Sunday service on the

#530, whose new name and number will be the #5 Tri-City Metropus.

The #5 route will be changed to use St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis instead of 14th and/or 19th Streets instead of Niedringhaus in Granite City. The trips which Bi-State will operate will extend North via Rt. 111 from Pontoon Road to Engineer Road. Inbound trips will deviate to the Granite City campus at Belleville Area Col-

lege.

Bi-State will continue to operate the #503 Edwardsville Express (Glen Carbon); #522X Highland-Troy Express and the #54 Bethalto Express.

For route schedules and fare information about Madison County Transit bus service, call Madison County Transit at 931-7433, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information about Bi-State bus service, call Transit Information weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. or weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Illinois at 231-2345 or in Missouri at 234-2345.

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NEWS

VOICE BOX

How do you spend your Thanksgiving Day?



"I spend Thanksgiving with my sister and brother in Chicago."

Leroy Pryor, retired Granite City



"This year we plan to all get together at my house. This is friends and family. We have the usual turkey and all the fixings."

Bill Schermer, Schermer Garden Shop Granite City



"I will have turkey dinner at a friend's house Thanksgiving with all my kids, then I go to my family but mostly to my family's home for with my wife, Mary."

Delores Tester, secretary Granite City



"I like spending Thanksgiving Day with all my family and watch a little football and try not to eat too much and just plain relax."



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Gary Hibbs, assistant manager Granite City

Photos by Shirley Valencia
Interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Bert's Rental

Santa

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decorations, lights and fix up the Santa House. Numerous merchants and other residents donated to Santa's Holiday Avenue.

Some of the decorations include figures made from lights and giant-size children's building blocks.

We have a lot of good people (on the committee) doers, not talkers," said the group's chairman, Judy Whittaker, Granite City city clerk.

"The committee worked well together. All worked extra hard," she said.

The Santa's Holiday Avenue committee and their special

ties include: Whittaker; co-chairman Roberta Barham; Maggie Mallary, treasurer; Sandy Shaw, secretary; Brian Fuzzessier, flags; Bill Kline, Santa; Tom McFadden, lighting; Dave McFarland, rehabilitation; Shirley Valencia, publicity; Mark Korte, Linda Wood and Sharol Korte, advertising; George Popperkoff, electrical work; Mike Gerbo, Ed Kirby, Judy Knapp, and Alan Pieper, displays; Diana Naney, decorating; and Carol Holten, costume designs.

Many people and groups have already agreed to be in next year's parade, Whittaker said. Additional events scheduled for Santa's Holiday Avenue include the Granite City Community Band playing from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the seven Santa's from Santa's House on and off all day long. The Granite City High School Symphonic Band will play Dec. 13 as well as a group from Coolidge Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18. Gail Miller's group will entertain from 6 to 7 p.m. the same day.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Scott

EVELYN DULAN SCOTT, 91, of Madison died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1987 at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Survivors include one daughter, Freda Henry of Decatur; one grandchild; and a devoted neighbor, George Smith.

Services were Monday, Nov. 24 at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Madison. The Rev. Dr. Roy C. Foggs officiating. Arrangements were made by Officer Funeral Home, Metro East Chapel. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Tommy Gage

J.D. GAGE, 74, of Granite City died at 4:49 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 1987 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Nov. 13, 1913 in Granite City.

Mr. Gage was employed as a truck driver. He was a member of Granite City Four Square Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jean

S. Gage (nee Eisner); one daughter, Vanessa Nasello of Alton; two brothers, Carl Gage of Branson, Mo. and Carl Gage of Caliente, Calif.; two sisters, Parry Vincennes of Hayfork, Calif. and Mildred Gage of Berryville, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Eva (nee McKinney) Gage; one brother and two sisters.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Leon Belt and the Rev. Parker officiating.

Memorials may be made to the

School at Concordia Lutheran Church, where he was a member. Survivors include a sister, Edna Foehee of Granite City.

Services were preceded in death by five brothers: Charles Elmer, Arthur George and Edward Foehee; one sister, Esther Foehee; and her partner, Charles and Anna Niemeyer Foehee.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Mercer Chapel with the Rev. Michael J. O'Leary officiating. Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuaries Ltd. Burial was at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church.

Vesta Cleveland Williams

LUCILLE L. FOEHEE, 85, of Granite City died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1987. She was born June 14, 1902 in Granite City.

Ms. Foehee was formerly employed at Granite City Steel in the financial department. She was a member of Granite City Steel Women's Association and taught Sunday

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Paul Grace and a son, Roy Edward Williams, his second husband; a daughter-in-law, Treva Williams of Greenville, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Higgins of Rock and Maxine of Madison; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tan Williams, whom she married Aug. 19, 1912; her son, Luther Edward Williams; two daughters; two brothers, Darrell Willcockson and Glenn Dacus; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Granite City with the Rev. Paul Davis officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to HIS

Alarie, Mo.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Ruth M. Brink of Granite City and Shirley A. Mueller of Highland; three sons, James R. Jones of St. Louis, Tom E. Jones of Spanish Lake and David E. Jones of Pauls Valley; one sister, Beulah Cracchola of St. Louis; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tan Williams, whom she married Aug. 19, 1912; her son, Luther Edward Williams; two daughters; two brothers, Darrell Willcockson and Glenn Dacus; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Granite City with the Rev. Leonard E. Pye officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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Services were Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Assumption Catholic Church, Third Main in O'Fallon, Mo. Burial followed at the Assumption Parish Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Barbara Schmersahl.

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Memorials may be made to Assumption Church Building Fund, in care of Baue Funeral Home.

Light shows blanket metro area

The Stars of Light holiday light displays are located throughout the metropolitan area. Times, locations and costs are as follows:

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 20

Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, 5-8 p.m.

Rock Spring Park, Alton, Ill. (618/466-8858)

Description: More than 1 million lights, 80 displays, a 300-foot tunnel and numerous added attractions for 1987.

Admission: \$5 per car and van, \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Directions: Alton, Ill. Clark Bridge, east on Broadway, north on Washington, west on College.

WAY OF LIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Jan. 4

5-10 p.m. nightly

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Ill. (618/397-6700 or 314/241-3400)

Description: One million

white lights, illuminated life-size statues, indoor displays, Christmas choirs, restaurants, motel and gift shop.

Admission: Free

Directions: Belleville, Ill. I-255 to Exit 17A

KIWANIS FANTASY OF LIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 25

Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, 5-9 p.m.

Tower Grove Park, St. Louis (314/746-2000)

Description: A "Dickens-like" display with more than 500,000 lights. Period displays, acres of decorated trees and a visit with Santa Claus.

Admission: \$5 per car or van, \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Directions: St. Louis, I-44, south on Grand Boulevard.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Friday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Jan. 4

Sunday-Friday, 6-10 p.m.

Closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Tilles County Park, St. Louis

(314/355-7374)

Description: More than 100 displays, Jack Frost area and an animal area. Santas from around the world and more.

Admission: \$20 per family, \$10 per individual, \$5 per tour bus.

Directions: St. Louis, I-64 (Hwy. 40), south on McKnight Road

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 28 to Tuesday, Dec. 30

Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6:30-10 p.m.

(Closed Dec. 9, 24 and 25)

Fort Zumwalt Park, O'Fallon, Mo. (314/240-5555)

Description: 50 scenes and more than 1 million lights.

Admission: \$7 a vehicle with seven persons or less, \$1 for each additional person. Walk through, Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m. \$2 per person.

Directions: O'Fallon, Mo. I-70 to Bryan Road. Exit south, go east on South Outer Road.

Fantasy of Lights

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Rock Spring Park, Alton, Ill. (618/466-8858)

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include fewer ground scenes than the Alton display, but plenty of colorful, well-lighted scenes.

"Mother Nature has given us a great canvas," Gelzinis says.

About a dozen volunteers are putting the displays from the Illuminating Engineers Society.

Admission to Fantasy of Lights will be \$5 per car or \$1 per person for groups. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Eighty percent of the proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Foundation; the rest will go to Power Park.

Kiwanis Clubs' charitable efforts focus on children.

One other project is Camp Wyman for disadvantaged youth.

Kiwanis Clubs also do some charitable work that

benefits senior citizens.

After the holidays, all the lights are carefully packed away and put into storage until Christmas '89.

Of course, Gelzinis never quite gets Christmas out of his mind. The steering committee for Celebration of Christmas meets in March.

"Putting up the lights and then the show itself is about three months," Gelzinis says. "Once you really get into it, though, it's a nine-month proposition."

Fantasy of Lights

is located in the Alton

area.

The idea was for all the clubs to come together and do something that just one club could not do," says Gelzinis, whose Christmas lighting displays grew out of his travel and planning business, Bluff City Tours, based in Gifford, Ill.

The Kiwanis contacted Gelzinis several months ago about brightening Tower Grove Park for Christmas. And Gelzinis certainly understands bright lights.

His Celebration of Christmas display in Alton has grown from 100,000 lights in 1992 to 1.2 million. One scene features toy soldiers and another is of skaters on a frozen pond.

"Celebration of Christmas is about capturing the spirit of Christmas as seen through the eyes of children to '92," Gelzinis says.

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NEWS



New members of the 25 Year Club include, from left: Donald Miller, Larry H. Neal, Sylvester Hyde, Terry Pitchford, Raymond L. Grieve, Oral Starbuck. Not pictured: Arthur G. King.

American Steel honors new 25 Year Club membership

American Steel Foundries 54th Annual 25 Year Club Meeting and Banquet was held Nov. 5 at the Croation Hall in Madison.

The 1997 Club President, Donald Lane, presided over the meeting, which included approximately 246 members.

John Wories, Plant Manager and chairman of the club, presented 25-year service awards to seven of the nine new members who were inducted into the Granite City Chapter.

They are as follows: Raymond L. Grieve, Sylvester

TRI-CITIES

Hyde, Arthur G. King, Donald Miller, Larry H. Neal, Terry L. Pitchford, and Oral Starbuck.

Douglas H. Berning and Franklin S. McKeown, Jr. were unable to attend the meeting.

The 25 Year Club was instituted in December of 1944, for the promotion of good fellowship among employees who have had at least 25 years of service with American Steel

Foundries.

American Steel Foundries is a division of AMSTED Industries, a manufacturer diversified manufacturer of products for construction and building markets, general industry, and railroads.

Over-counter medicines can be harmful

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

People who regularly use over-the-counter pain relievers containing acetaminophen need to be especially careful about accidental overdoses when taking cold and flu medicines.

Because many of those types of medicines also contain Acetaminophen, people can accidentally overdose, causing liver damage, said Glen Kohnz, pharmacy director at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

People taking more than 4,000 milligrams of Acetaminophen per day over an extended period of time can develop liver damage.

"The problem is that people really have to be aware of this. There are many medicines that are multi-dose," he said. "It's all additive, so they may not realize that are getting more Acetaminophen than they think."

He said cough, cold and flu medicines need to be watched.

"They just throw everything in there," he said.

One of the problems with the potential liver damage is that symptoms "sneak up" on people and then disappear. When those symptoms reappear later, the damage has already been done.

"You could have these little insults to your liver, not know

it and then have real problems," he said. "Most of the damage is irreversible, but you do have a lot of liver."

Another concern for children is Reye's Syndrome, a potentially fatal illness that can be triggered by giving children aspirin or other over-the-counter medicines containing aspirin.

Kohnz said children suffering from fevers should never be given aspirin.

And, he said, the time parents realize there is something wrong, it can be too late.

He said the bottom line is that people have to read the warnings on all drugs — even over-the-counter — very carefully.

Labels

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Kohnz said the warnings must be taken seriously because the combination of alcohol and acetaminophen such as Tylenol can cause liver damage, while combining alcohol with aspirin or ibuprofen can cause internal bleeding.

Acetaminophen is broken down by the liver, he said.

"With alcohol it decreases the liver's ability to handle the breakdown products (of the drug)," he said.

McNeil's changes in warn-

ings include:

- Changing the front panel of infants' Tylenol drops to read "Concentrated Drops" instead of "Suspension Drops."

- The addition of the words "Read the instructions carefully" to the front panel.

- Increase the emphasis on the importance of using the specific dosing device that comes with the medication.

- The addition of wording to emphasize that there is no advantage to exceeding the recommended dose.

- Making more than the recommended dose will not provide more pain or fever relief and could cause serious health

risks."

"We believe that it is important to make more specific dosing information available to parents of children in the age range," said Dr. Anthony R. Temple, executive director of medical affairs for McNeil.

"Having dosing guidelines for children under 12 years old printed on the label will be of significant benefit to consumers."

"Not only will the guidelines serve as a reminder of the correct dose, but they will also serve as an important reinforcement of the health professionals' instructions," he said.

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NEWS

Exercise important in winter months

With the arrival of winter, nutrition and exercise become even more important. Cold weather requires us to pay special attention to our health.

Exercise is much easier in winter months. Longer daylight hours give us more time to take walks, golf or swim. Corner vegetable stands serve as convenient reminders to eat more fruits and vegetables. Now that days are shorter, dried and fresh fruits and vegetables are not as readily available, we need to make a more conscious effort to maintain healthy behavior.

Outdoor exercise can be just as enjoyable in cooler weather, but it requires dressing warmly and keeping extremities covered. Hands, feet and ears are more sensitive to frostbite, and since most of the body's

heat is lost through the uncovered head, it is important to remember a hat.

There are more and more inside athletic clubs, like the YMCA, and numerous private gyms, popping up to help public fitness. Most have exercise classes, such as aerobics and dance in a variety of levels from beginning to advanced classes. Some clubs offer private trainers for people looking for individualized routines, developed for their own personal needs.

Water exercises are always popular. Indoor swimming pools allow room to offer swimming lessons, water aerobics and year-round training for competitive athletics. Whirlpools and spas are beneficial for people recovering from injuries or arthritis.

Exercise is only half of the equation; nutrition is the other. Hot vegetable soups and stews, and baked breads are particularly nice on chilly days and can help you maintain a balanced diet.

While not every fruit is readily available in the cooler season, apples are usually obtainable all year. Juices are a great source of vitamin C. Most fruits come either frozen or dried. However, read the label as some contain more added sugar and syrups than fruit.

Many people forget to drink enough fluids. In warmer months we sweat more and are thirstier. This is not so in the cooler seasons. Dehydration can occur any time of the year. Hot coffee and tea are tempting.

Hospice group given McDonald House grant

Family Hospice of Belleville has been awarded a grant by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis to support the establishment of a Children's Bereavement Program.

Family Hospice Development Director Julie Pietroburgo said the \$5,550 grant will enable the hospice to better support children who are grieving the loss of a parent, grandpar-

ent or someone close to them.

Funds will be used to purchase interactive materials such as workbooks and journals to aid children in acknowledging and addressing their grief, as well as a collection of books, audiotapes and videotapes dealing with bereavement issues.

The Hospice Heartlinks Program also will broaden the counseling services pro-

vided specifically to children. Pietroburgo said counseling by a hospice social worker will be an integral part of the support provided to family members coping with the loss of a loved one, but additional counseling sessions may now be focused on the needs of children.

Family Hospice of Belleville Area is a community-based, nonprofit agency.

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NEWS

Stapleton rules at Midwest pageant

Shannon Stapleton competed in the Midwest Rainbow Fan-tasies National Pageant held in Quincy, Ill., in June.

Shannon competed in the 13-15 age division and won all categories in her age division. Shannon received one of the highest honors in the pageant by being named High Point Champion for ages 13-25.

Shannon accumulated the highest total points in all categories for this age group to receive the title. In addition, Shannon was First Runner-Up in the Cover Girl Competition.

Shannon's modeling coach is Rhonda Van-Melan. She is a freshman at Granite City High School. She is the daughter of Mary and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City and the grand-



daughter of Rev. Bob and Peggy Jones of Granite City and George and Helen Stapleton of Marion, Ill.

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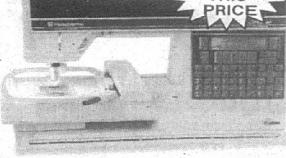
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"It's a cool project for the kids and especially at this level, it teaches them to help someone else."

Lois Vaughn
KinderCare director

Nappier said the event was beneficial to the children and Judevine.

Damon Oglesby, 4, decorated his snowflake garland with smiley faces because it looked good. "Santa, who commended the children on their behavior, said all of the ornaments looked excellent."

"I thought they done great," Santa said. "They were swell, I thought."

The event came about through the suggestion of Northwest Plaza officials, who called KinderCare and asked if the children wanted to participate.

"It was kind of neat because all of the surrounding Northwest Plaza are geographically close," said Lola Vaughan, director of the St. Ann KinderCare. "I'm just happy that they called, because it's such a neat thing, and the parents shop here all the time."

The Children's Forest is not the only festival highlight. The Celebrity Jingle Bell, a tradition which began at the St. Louis festival, is an annual draw.

A display of two-foot-tall trees decorated by local, national and international

celebrities, this year's celebrity junction includes trees decorated by Alan Jackson, Rosie O'Donnell, Julie Andrews, Big Bird and the Prince of Monaco.

"The vast number of people do their own, and that's what's fun about it," Nappier said.

Other features include the Holiday Boutique, Glimmerland Village, and Kaleidoscope, a place for children to make holiday crafts to take home. In addition, more than 2,000 entertainers from area dance groups, theater groups, choirs, churches, and local schools will provide continuous entertainment.

Northwest Plaza donated the space formerly used by Oshkosh's SuperSports USA to the Judevine Center for the festival.

For more information about Judevine or the festival, call 849-4440.

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Five generations

Recently family members gathered to celebrate five generations. In the front row, from left, are: Luke Thalmann; Ruby Whitson, great-great-grandmother; and Lyndsey Thalmann. Top row: Vicki Thalmann, holding Libbi Marie; Pauline Hanson, great-grandmother; and Janis Smith, grandmother. Mrs. Whitson is 91 years old and has 10 great-great-grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren. The Thalmanns are from Glen Carbon. Smith, Hanson, and Mrs. Whitson are from Granite City.

Barracks

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through an exhibit on the battle, which took place just before Christmas 1944. They are there Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m.

Father Christmas will arrive by carriage at noon Saturday, Dec. 13, with trinkets and candy for the kids. People will be able to take carriage rides on Saturday for \$2 a person.

Suzanne Corbett, a culinary historian, will prepare holiday pastries on a World War II camp stove in the visitor center this weekend.

A Santa caravan for the kids will go off at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

How to submit articles

Items for the family pages, which include clubs, churches, scouts, and social events, may be directed to the *Press-Record/Journal* at 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. There is no charge. Please type all articles, and keep them brief. The paper reserves the right to edit all submitted materials for grammar, spelling and length.

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Agency helps families with heating bills

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

With a long cold winter predicted, thousands of low-income, elderly or disabled people in the St. Louis area will need your help to keep warm.

Dollar-Help Inc., a nonprofit agency, has already provided \$200,000 in grants this year to area social service and community organizations. The agency has only \$37,000 left in the bank, and winter won't begin until next month.

Dollar-Help is a last resort for individuals and families who need assistance in paying their heating bills.

Civic leaders from throughout the region made an appeal Thursday for residents to help the agency meet a goal of \$600,000 for 1997-98.

Last year, the program raised slightly more than \$551,000 and spent \$572,182 by drawing from carry-over funds.

The average heating grant per family two years ago was \$188. Last year, the average was \$265 per family. The maximum is \$300 per family per year. However, eligible families may receive an additional \$200 in heating bill assistance in crisis situations.

People and businesses may help by making a \$1 or more on their monthly bill from Laclede Gas Co. or St. Charles Gas Co. Their overpayments automatically will be contributed to Dollar-Help. Residents who are not served by Laclede Gas or St. Charles Gas may send donations in any amount to Dollar-Help, Cass

Bank, P.O. Box 330, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

Dollar-Help assists any needy person or family who may have difficulty paying delinquent gas, electric, propane or oil heating bills.

Because of early winter-like temperatures, heat assistance needs will soar this year, said Lynn R. Broeder, vice president and secretary-treasurer of Dollar-Help.

Broeder made the comments

during the "We're Bowled Over" for Dollar-Help fundraiser Thursday at Tropicana Lanes, 7960 Clayton Road in Clayton.

The average household income for Dollar-Help recipients is \$6,594 per year, and the average household size is 2.6 people, Broeder said.

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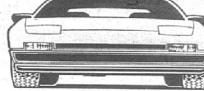


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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You find the keys to your soul's longings. Set free your resentments and grudges. You see clearly what needs to be done to secure the future of those you love. Follow through



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need to feel embarrassed over this evening's conversation. You are being more real than the rest of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your hard work is compensated properly. Gather with friends for fun. Family members are eager to help with any task you need. One needs to bring long-term rewards. A Leo or Scorpio love interest is favored.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You experience powerful intuition. Your mate sees your point, but don't push it. Common ground is found between you and your mate. Your being in charge gives you confidence, and others respond.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

New information should not change your course of action. Don't be fooled by an Aries. Passionate love is hardly worth the effort. Find what makes you light up. Try new ways of giving love to family, especially children.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27)

A higher income, along

with a change in family circumstances, brings more independence. You're calling the shots this year. You can reach the crossroads in the next seven weeks. Decide between a promotion or a new job. Your actions cause a sensation in December.

JUNE (January 20-June 21)

A casual romance in January leads to a serious commitment by June. Your best signs are Taurus and Capricorn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A long-shot romance through November is right to money not currently in your possession. Intimacy can be increased when you throw your pride out the window. Beautiful people attract you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Before you give in, make sure

you understand the situation.

Don't let new information confuse you. Splurge tonight. Paying attention to your self-esteem is more important than paying attention to your bud.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Why continue a war with your partner or with yourself? Give up a rest. You'll be surprised when you hear the news firsthand. You'll engage in bright conversation tonight. Small expenditures add up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Be sure of your ground before acting on big opportunities. Ask for a Gemini's input. The truth comes out at your workplace, and you clear away obstacles. Being forgiving is a quick route to success in love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). The big love affair resumes. Learn all you can, as it will take you far along your career path. A new business partnership may be the answer to your entrepreneurial dreams. An unexpected adventure comes to find you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Eloquent conversationalists are the best in this month. Someone new you meet tonight can be a friend forever. Love affairs bring out your creativity. Activities with a child can lead to new romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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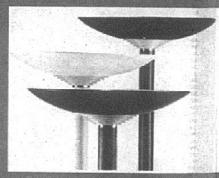
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NEWS

TRIVIA

Food traditions hard to break

By Kevin Carbery
Correspondent

Must we eat turkey and cranberries each Thanksgiving?

Don't get me wrong. Those are tasty foods and a great beginning to a fine holiday. I just would like to know what the dressing, cranberries and pumpkin pie are standard fare each and every year at this time.

Just once, how about making sausage and black olive pizza the main course for Thanksgiving? You could have fried rice and potato salad for side dishes. For dessert, maybe some rainbow sherbet.

I always have enjoyed going off the beaten path in my food choices. When I was a little kid, I came up with the idea of putting potato chips on my cheese sandwiches. A few years ago, I saw an Albert Finney movie, "Rich in Love," in which part of his eccentric behavior was making sandwiches with potato chips stuck between the bread slices. I guess I was just ahead of my time.

The point of all this is I think we get too tied down in traditions when it comes to food. Every Christmas and Thanksgiving I run into ham everywhere I go visit. Once in a while, I'd like to see something dif-

ferent, like a beef roast or corndogs, at these gatherings.

Being of Irish descent, I see a whole lot of corned beef and cabbage each St. Patrick's Day. Are there no other dishes associated with the Emerald Isle? I can choke down a plate of corned beef and cabbage, but the part of St. Patrick's lore were that he barbecued pork steaks while chasing the snakes out of Ireland. That would give us at least one other option for dinner on March 17.

For this week's trivia, the topic is food. Have a happy Thanksgiving, no matter what ends up on your plate.

1. Vinegar, Avery Island salt and chopped capsicum pepper are combined to make what?

2. Pasta originated in which country?

3. In what country was the pretzel

invented? The largest indoor feast ever held was in what country, according to the Guinness Book of Records?

5. Which botanist developed hundreds of uses for the peanut?

6. What is considered the national spice of Hungary?

7. The ice cream cone originated during what event?

8. Chocolate comes from what source?

9. What is the Peach State?

10. In what were George Washington's favorite foods?

Answers: 1. Tabasco Sauce. 2. China. 3.

Italy. 4. France. A group of 18,000 municipal leaders got together Aug. 18, 1889. 5.

George Washington Carver. 6. Paprika.

7. The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. At

least that's one of the stories about its origin. There are similar disputes about the hot dog. 8. Cacao beans. 9. Georgia.

10. Crabmeat soup and egg nog, according to the World Almanac of Presidential Foods. And you thought I have weird tastes.

Kevin Carbery can be heard as a regular on "The Trivia Coast-To-Coast Show" from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on radio station KMOX-AM (1220).



Harley winner

The Second Annual Tri-City YMCA Harley Davidson 883 Sportster Motorcycle Raffle was conducted on Halloween evening. The winner was John LaClair of St. Louis. Only 883 tickets were available for purchase at \$20 each. This year's event netted the Y approximately \$6,000.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Red Corner' gripping, straightforward

Jack Moore should have known he was headed for trouble when he gazed out the window of his limousine in Beijing's Tiananmen Square and noticed that he was being photographed by a TV surveillance camera.

Moore (Richard Gere), a high-powered lawyer, has come to Beijing to negotiate a satellite communications contract with the Chinese. On his first night out, he meets a Chinese model in a night club. She tries to lure him over for a night of passion.

In the early morning, Moore is dragged from his bed by the police. He is covered with blood and the model has been stabbed to death. Moore is plunged into the special hell of the Chinese legal system.

Thus begins "Red Corner," part prison movie, part murder mystery, which is greatly enhanced by its reproduction of Beijing today.

It is a film so critical of the Chinese that it could not be shot in the actual locations. But director Jon Avnet was able to bottle a week's filming amid Beijing landmarks, even a scene of lead actress Bai Ling's boudoir along Tienanmen Square. The rest of the exteriors were filmed in Los Angeles on sets convincingly designed by Richard Sylbert.

'Devil's Advocate' misses the mark

Kevin Lomax lounges in a cesspool of legal success. He's a hotshot Florida lawyer who's never lost a case, no matter how guilty or insidiously evil his client may be.

When he's not basically attacking a schoolgirl testifying against the scummy teacher who had sexually molested her and wins an acquittal for his guilty client, Lomax attracts the attention of a sly, new New York law firm and its charismatic and eccentric leader. Lomax is just the kind of guy they want. A lawyer with a sharp mind and whose unbridled ambition allows him to grab the brass ring... even if it's wrapped around someone's neck.

Tony Backford's "Devil's Advocate" explores the nascent vortex of evil and the universal dance of the soul. But it is as far from the rhapsodies of John Milton's 17th-century cautionary epic, "Paradise Lost," as law is from poetry.

Lomax (Keanu Reeves) leaves his Florida practice and heads with his estranged wife, Mary Ann (Charlize Theron) to New York City, not heeding the fire-and-brimstone warnings of his Bible-toting mom (Judith Ivey) who sees the Big Apple as the garden of evil

and a palace of sin.

Kevin and Mary Ann move into a tony apartment building the firm owns on the upper East Side. As Mary Ann sets to the task of decorating, the two are pulled into a tangle with other firm wives. Kevin becomes the young protege of his boss, John Milton (Al Pacino), whose penthouse apartment consists of a large room with a piano and fireplace and not much else.

With his grasshopper eyes bulging and his mouth cranked open in a perpetual demonic grin, you might realize that Milton is no mere mortal.

Milton, who's already seduced Kevin by luring him to the firm, tosses other nuggets his way, including a chance for an extramarital fling. Kevin, who's a bit slow on the uptake, doesn't see Milton for who he is, even after his mother visits and recoils from the smell she sees Milton's face.

But Mary Ann senses that all is not what it seems and begins a fast skid to a nervous breakdown.

Meanwhile, Kevin's courtroom capers have polished his star to a golden glow. He's especially proud to be representing real estate tycoon Alexander Cullen (Craig T.

Nelson) who is accused of a horrific triple homicide.

Cullen, of course, and the movie uses Cullen as the springboard for Kevin's moral choice. What will he do?

Or is he already in hell?

And why does Milton take such an active interest in young Kevin?

You'd pretty much figure out the answers for yourself long before the movie ends.

There's an emptiness to

"Devil's Advocate," a thinness that allows us to distance ourselves from Lomax and his spiritual dilemma. The tragic underpinnings of human frailties are missing from this movie, which often floats to the edges of high camp.

"Devil's Advocate" offers an excellent premise but misses the mark. Hopefully the filmmakers do not toy with obvious associations of Milton and "Paradise Lost."

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SOCIETY NEWS

Day camp awards



The Tri-City Area Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors recently honored two daycamp directors and their assistant for an outstanding 1997 Summer Day Camp program. Here, Director Richard Wittman congratulates day camp assistant Kathleen Stewart.



Wittman presents the award to Director Julia Devine. Participation was at an all-time high, with average daily attendance of 40 children.



Wittman gives the award to Director Debra Scott. Activities included: field trips, sports, games, swimming, arts and crafts projects, and good old fashioned squirt gun fights.

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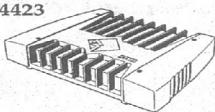
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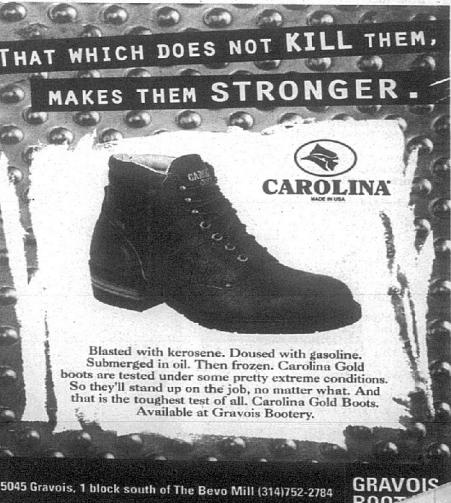


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Rudolph Majkut will celebrate his birthday Nov. 27.

Connie Hause will celebrate her birthday Nov. 27.

Delores "Jeanie" Ferguson will celebrate her 46th birthday Nov. 27.

Jessica Landman will celebrate her 9th birthday Nov. 27.

Amy (Courtis) Michaels will celebrate her birthday Nov. 28.

Sue Christopher will celebrate her birthday Nov. 29.

Chad Feneey will celebrate his 12th birthday Nov. 29.

Erica Hay will celebrate her 4th birthday Nov. 29.

Donna (Finn) Doroghazi will celebrate her 30th birthday Nov. 29.

Ervin and Eva Mueller will celebrate their 55th anniversary Nov. 29.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licences were issued through the office of Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida:

David Hubert Beckner and Debra Jane Rodgers of Collinsville.

Larry Branch of Venice and Vanetta McClellan of Granite City.

David Leroy Clark and Diana Jean Williams of Collinsville.

David William Cooper and Vaneta M. Ollis of Madison.

Philip James Copeland and Sherry Elaine Cox of Mitchell.

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Susan Kombrink of Caseyville.

Leo Edgar Dugger of Bethalto and Rose Marie Gentry of Troy.

Jason Robb Dunham of East Alton and Teresa Anne White of Granite City.

Humberto Gavriel and Joyce Lorraine Rice of Granite City.

Keith Eugene Gibbs and Kembra Lynn Caraker of Collinsville.

Keith Duane Malson and Sharon Sue Keller of Glen Carbon.

Marty Marion and Nina Marie Slay of Granite City.

Jason Elliot McCluskey and Jennifer Lynne Holland of Collinsville.

Robert Mathew Mink, III and Lisa Michelle Watkins of Granite City.

Mark Richards Motley and Michelle Brown of Edwardsville.

Jeffrey Gerard Noll of St. Jacob and Cynthia Kay Butler of Highland.

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Steven Brent Pilcher of Collinsville and Leigh Ann Feneey of Edwardsville.

William Charles Roberson and Diana Faye Morris of Maryville.

Richard Matthew Titton of Caseyville and Regina Joanne Mink of Collinsville.

Jeffrey Alan Thoman and Elizabeth Ann Beckman of Edwardsville.

Randolph Lyle Werner, Jr. and Linda Dawn Legate of Granite City.

William Kenneth Whitehead and Carrie Lynn Redick of Granite City.

Brian Douglas Willis and Denise Marie Klenke of Troy.

Michael Timothy Yarbrough and Anissa Renay Ritchie of Granite City.

Christopher Lee Bartling and Brandi Jo Diak of Granite City.

Damen Terrell Brown of Godfrey and Joy Davidson of Collinsville.

James Loy Chism, Jr. of Granite City and Melodie Rose Barnes of Maryville.

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Barry Allan Hosto and Vicki Lynn Gross of Troy.

John Lynn Kindle and Jamie Anne Bucatch of Granite City.

Gerald Arthur Klaas, Jr. and Elizabeth Renee Ford of Collinsville.

Donald Wayne Legate and Teddie Sue Bartholomew of Edwardsville.

Philip Leonard Manning Jr. and Tanya Ryna Staggs of Granite City.

Steven Jay Nagelmiller of Venice and Angela Michelle Johnson of Granite City.

John Douglas O'Bryan, Jr. and Gail Lyne Foote of Edwardsville.

Dustin Alan Richards and Stacy Lynn Dockerty of Granite City.

Brad Wallace Schmidt of Collinsville and Sunny O'Neil Harper of Granite City.

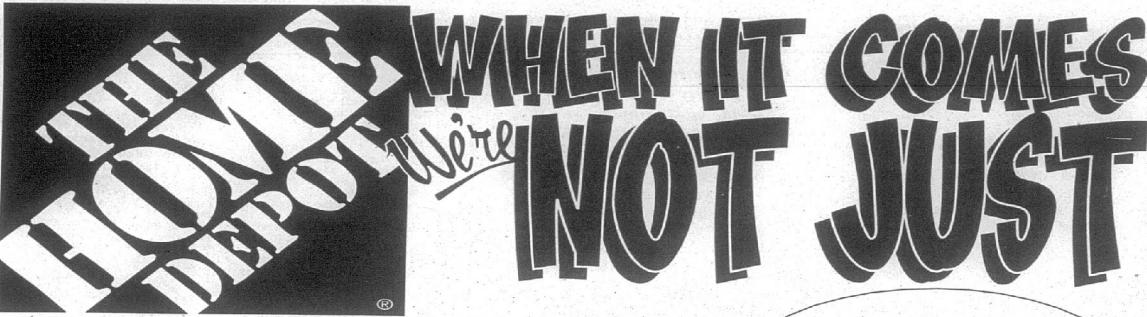
Charles Robert Sebold of St. Louis and Tracy Franklin of Collinsville.

Michael Lee Whitehead of Pontoon Beach and Lisa Marie Hertz of Edwardsville.



New members

Four new members were installed into the Granite City Rotary Club at its regular meeting Nov. 18. Shown from left: Judy Stille, retired shop owner; Regina Jones, retired school teacher; Sharon Krajcovic, branch manager; and Greg McCalley, assistant comptroller of Granite City.



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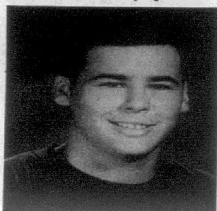
Harris elected to De Molay post

Craig G. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris and a junior at Granite City High School, was elected Master Councilor of James Stuart Chapter of De Molay.

He and other elected and appointed officers were publicly installed Nov. 8 at the Granite City Masonic Lodge.

Installation was followed by a dance and reception.

During the dance, Miss Dawn Staggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Staggs and a JOBS daughter will be crowned the Chapter's Sweetheart.



Garden Clubs meet for annual council day

Five-four members and three guests of District V Garden Clubs of Illinois met Oct. 23 at Caseyville Township Hall in Fairview Heights for their annual President's Council Day.

This is a special day set aside to honor club presidents and past directors of District V.

Fairview Heights Garden Club hosted the event.

Instead of a welcoming address, Nellie Wallace, president of the club, read a tribute to Rita Kinsella by reading a poem written by her children and mourning the loss of a very talented member and friend who passed away recently.

A response was given by Dorothy Chamberlain, vice chairwoman of District V, District Director Marian Nelson presided over the meeting.

Nelson introduced the following past directors attending: Lillian Heberer, Judy Issel, Mary Ellen Lindsey, Virginia Kauffeld-Bocquet, Dorothy Chamberlain, Gerry Thorp, Carol Holbert.

Each was given a beautiful red rose. A letter of regret from past director Bea Haldorf was read.

Nelson then introduced the president of the following clubs and gave each a rose: Cahokia Garden Club, Cart Blanche Designers, Edwardsville Garden Club, Forest Heights Garden Club, Garden Study Garden Club, Green Oaks Garden Club, Holiday Shores Garden Club, New Garden Club, Mascoutah Garden Club, St. Clair County Garden Club, Shohola Garden Club, Trenton Tumbleweeds and Wood River Area Garden Club.

Reports were given on important events the District has been involved in including hosting a summer meeting of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, dedicating a Blue Star Member marker, a rest stop on eastbound I-70 and the District's flower show.

Nelson presented Awards of Appreciation to Carol Holbert for her outstanding job on the summer meeting, Carol and Sue Beach as chairwomen of the successful flower show; Marion Cadwallader for storing the flower show properties for such a long time; Gerry Thorp for faithfully delivering the properties when needed.

Groups

(Continued from Page 15A) posed one member. Those receiving the pins from Granite City were Joanna Spencer, Helen Pascheraug, Lynn Cooley and Frances Daniels. Winters of Granite City received a ceramic unicorn pin, as she had proposed five new members.

The meeting was held in the evening for both the Aerie and the Auxiliary members. Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer was acknowledged as one of the fabulists.

After the banquet and speeches, dancing was held.

Evening Circle

First Presbyterian Church Evening Circle met Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1997, in the home of Betty Schmidkare. Chairman Gladie Schmidkare opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary Gladys Pape read the minutes and the treasurer's report was given.

The yearbook of prayer was read. Mrs. Jones, remembering the Presbytery of tropical Florida.

Barbara Landis gave the fellowship of the least coin, entitled, "Partnership in a changing world."

The lesson, "Job-Why Ask Why?" was also presented by Barbara Landis. It emphasized that God lets us ask "why" and does our questions seriously. A discussion followed.

The meeting closed in a circle and the members gave the Mosaic Benediction.

SOCIETY NEWS

Friends of Music offers house tour in December

The Friends of Music, a support organization for the department of music at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer the 10th Annual Three Holiday Musicians House tour from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

Participants will visit three

Edwardsville homes, decorated for the holidays, where they will hear SIUE jazz, classical and vocal music performed by music students and faculty.

Holiday refreshments will be served.

Tickets for the event are \$8; proceeds support music depart-

ment scholarships. For more information or to obtain tickets, call the SIUE Fine Arts box office at 692-2774, or toll-free 621-5168, Ext. 2774.

Tickets also are available at TheBANK of Edwardsville (main and Montclair facilities).

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Theater company presents grumpy holiday show

"A Season for the Children" theater for younger audiences, sponsored by the Friends of Theater and Dance and TheBANK of Edwardsville, will present "Bah, Humbug!" at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Communications Building Theater at Southern Illinois University at

Edwardsville.

St. Louis Imaginary Theatre Company, the children's theater

touring arm of the St. Louis

Repertory Theatre, will pre-

sent this holiday show based

on Charles Dickens' characters

from his story, "A Christmas

Carol."

The organization is a support

group for the SIUE depart-

ment of theater and dance.

Tickets are \$8 and are avail-

able at the SIUE Fine Arts box

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Neighbors banquet set

The Royal Neighbors of America, Glen Carbon Camp, will have a Christmas banquet for members and friends at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Sandy's Kitchen on U.S. Highway 40 in St. Jacob.

Everyone attending should bring a \$5 gift for exchange. At the end of the meal, a gift will be awarded. The camp will pay \$2 toward everyone's meal which will be ordered from the menu. Reservations are required to Beverly Jones, 3178 Keebler Road, Collinsville.

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and Alice Koritta for obtaining a new storage place for the properties.

After lunch two programs were enjoyed by the members.

The first was a special program presented by students from Illinois Center for Autism.

The second was a talent designer, created several of the new artistic floral designs.

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Autumn cheer

Mrs. LeVault's first-grade students pose with the fall leaves print T-shirts that they made. Mrs. Davis' and Mrs. Kocarnik's classrooms also completed this project. The Frohardt first-grade students completed many activities to welcome the fall season.



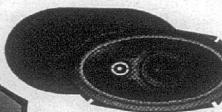
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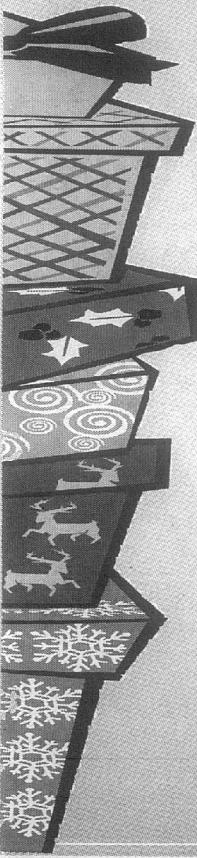
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Greek council salutes members

The Greek Council of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville recently honored chapters and individual members for leadership and academic achievement during the past academic year at the 1997 Greek Awards program.

Aaron Gaskew of O'Fallon, member of Alpha Phi Alpha, was named the Outstanding Greek Council Officer of the Year, while Floria Carson of Cahokia, a member of the Delta Sigma Theta, and McGraw of Marion, Parke, a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, were named Outstanding Greek Delegates of the Year.

For the second consecutive year, Delta Sigma Theta was awarded Outstanding Greek Organization of the Year, while Gamma Phi Omega, Gamma Sigma Theta, and Alpha Sigma Tau, also received the Outstanding Service Award.

The Highest Overall Grade Point Average Award went to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority. The two organizations also received the the Improved Academic Achievement Award and the Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award.

The Outstanding Student Leader Award went to Gamma Epsilon Hesp, Gamma Phi Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Phi Theta, and Gamma Sigma Theta.

Six fraternity and sorority members were honored for their selection in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Institutions: Linda Hesp, Gamma Epsilon; Mike Loitz of Grant Park, Phi Kappa Psi; Robert Mumphard Jr. of Belleville, Kappa Alpha Psi; Nicole Smith of St. Louis, Delta Sigma Theta; and Mar-

on Wilson of Cahokia, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Twenty-two outstanding undergraduate and alumni fraternities and sorority members, along with six honorary members, were honored as charter members of the Pi Sigma Gamma chapter of The Order of Omega, national Greek honorary.

The Order of Omega inductees are:

Undergraduate Inductees

Bill Anderson, Belleville, Alpha Kappa Lambda

Joe Arana, Glen Carbon, Alpha Kappa Lambda

Flora Carson, Cahokia, Delta Sigma Theta

Jennie Cornelius, Cahokia, Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau, Crawford, Alpha Phi

Rob Edwards, Chatham, Alpha Kappa Lambda

Krysti Harris, Collinsville, Alpha Sigma Tau

Graham Hesp, Flanmore

Darryl Howlett, Collinsville, Iota Phi Theta

Mark Hunt, Granite City, Alpha Phi Alpha

Meisha Lyons, Edwardsburg, Alpha Kappa Alpha

Virginia Renfrow, Edwardsburg, Alpha Sigma Tau

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Alicia Skirball, Granite City, Alpha Sigma Tau

Jocelyn Jackson, Belleville, Sigma Gamma Rho

Teachers threaten lawsuit

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

The Association for Catholic Elementary Educators is thinking of taking Archbishop Justin Rigali to court if he does not recognize the organization and grant its teachers collective bargaining rights.

The teachers are also asking the Catholic community to withhold all church donations until the archbishop responds to their concerns about teachers' salaries and benefits.

"Just put the money in escrow," said Robin Helmos, president of the organization. She said this includes donations for the Archdiocese Development Appeal and the \$55 million Endowment Campaign.

Monsignor Ted Wojcicki, a spokesman for the archbishop, is asking the teachers for a little more patience. He said Rigali should have a reply by January.

"I'm reasonably sure it will give teachers a major voice in this past and benefits process," Wojcicki said.

Some teachers, however, say they have waited long enough.

"We've been on stall for nine months," Helmos said.

Last week members of the organization agreed to recruit about 200 more members by Dec. 1 by having the group's membership to 51 percent of the elementary teachers in the archdiocese.

"We believe he would then be really required to recognize us," Helmos said. "If he doesn't, we'll take him to court."

Helmos said she believes the teachers will be successful in obtaining 500 new members. But, she said, "There are a lot of scared teachers out there."

She said if they do not sign up 51 percent of all elementary teachers in the St. Louis Archdiocese, they will concentrate on 56 schools that already have more than 50 percent membership.

"They're (the Archdiocese) always telling us that we work for the parishes," Helmos said.

Members at the 56 schools could ask the archbishop's pastoralors to recognize the organization as a bargaining unit, she said. "If the pastor refuses, we'll take him to court," she said.

Helmos and Darlene Huntz, both classroom teachers and members of the Association for Catholic Elementary Educators, sat on the archdiocese's 17-member Commission on Parish School Teacher Relations to study how the 1,400 elementary teachers in the area's 158 Catholic schools could get higher pay and better benefits.

SCHOOL NEWS



Contest winner

Joseph Warchol, a sixth grader at Frohardt School, shows his winning Drawing by 2000 poster. He is the son of Helena Langley.

Writers' contest offered

Friends of Lovejoy Library, a support organization for the library and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is sponsoring the fourth annual High School Writers' Contest for students in southwest Illinois.

Contestants must be juniors or seniors and attend high school in Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Monroe, St. Clair and Washington counties. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 12.

Categories include:

Short story — any subject, 3,000 words or less, typed, double-spaced.

Nonfiction — any subject, 2,000 words or less, typed, double-spaced.

Poetry — any subject, any style (rhymed or unrhymed), 40 lines or less, typed, single-spaced.

Prizes in each of the three categories are: first, \$250; second, \$200; and third, \$100. All contestants will receive a certificate of recognition.

Contestants may enter only one work in each category but may enter as many categories as they wish. Entries must be original work of the contestant. Manuscripts must be typed, with pages numbered, and accompanied by a complete entry form.

The entry form must be placed in a sealed envelope with only the name of the work and the category on the outside of the envelope. That envelope and four copies of the work to be submitted must be placed inside another envelope for mailing. There must be nothing written on the four copies of the entry that could identify the author or the school from which the entry was sent.

Entries that do not comply with contest rules will be disqualified. Judges are faculty members of the SIUE department of English language and literature. All contestants will receive a certificate of recognition. Winners will be notified by April 1 and will receive their prizes by April 29.

All cash-winning entries will be printed in a booklet to be sent to authors and their schools. Additional copies will be made available for purchase. First serial rights will be retained by SIUE with one exception: entries may have been previously printed in contests, periodicals, school newspapers or magazines. Authors retain all other rights.

For an entry form, students should see their school principal, English teachers, or call the office of the Friends of Lovejoy Library at 652-2730.

GCC students earn rewards

Four students who attended Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus have received scholarships from the Madison County Community Development Agency.

The four GCC students are Elizabeth Callender, Marguerite Fisher, Keith May and Robert Stettini, all of Granite City. They are among 11 Madison County residents who have received scholarships from the development agency.

The county awards the scholarships annually through the Community Services Block Grant program, administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

University offers global business workshops in December

Three global business workshops are being offered during December at the International Trade Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

* Exporting Basics II, a hands-on workshop will help you establish export goals, identify target markets, identify

constraints and opportunities, and create an action plan. The workshop will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3. The fee is \$145, which includes a manual and supplies.

* Advanced Exporting I, focus on financing, export sales, pricing products competitively, and assuring payments

for products. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 5. The fee is \$145, which includes a manual and supplies.

* Trade Leads discuss where trade leads come from, how to respond to them, and how to use them to build your market. Registration for a free

softshare program will be available. The workshop will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 9. The fee is \$25, which includes resources and materials. The Trade Center is located at 1000 University Park Drive, Room 1103. For additional information call the International Trade Center, 652-2929.

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The program began Nov. 1 and will run through March.

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St. Louis City teachers voice concerns as strike looms

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

St. Louis Public School teachers met Sunday to decide whether to give union officials authority to call a strike.

Several hundred teachers showed up at last week's board meeting to protest and voice their concerns to board members. Many cheered as the board was informed of today's strike vote.

"Frustrations are definitely

growing," said Sheryl Davenport, president of the St. Louis Teachers Union Local 420.

Although she said she hopes a teachers' strike is not in the future, she admits a strike looms as a possibility in the metro area's largest school district.

Teachers in the St. Louis Public Schools have been working non-contract terms since June 1996. They are asking for a 4 percent raise and movement on the salary scale.

"Do you want the best or do you want what you can afford?"

Sheryl Davenport
Local 420 president

At the Nov. 18 board meeting, Davenport said, "The morale of the employees of this district continues to plummet as we continue to work for employers who are not employee-friendly."

Davenport said one issue upsetting teachers is that the district does not automatically move teachers up the steps on the pay scale for years of service.

She said district teachers have received only four "step increases" in the past 15 years. So a teacher with 15 years experience could still be level with the American teacher at the same level as a fourth-year teacher in most other districts.

Hattie Jackson, president of the school board, said the district is offering all it can afford: a 3 percent raise with no movement on the pay scale. Teachers receive more only if

they earn an advanced degree. Superintendent Cleveland Hargraves only said the district is negotiating in good faith and that he does not want to conduct those negotiations publicly.

Although money is an important issue for the teachers, it is not the only one, Davenport said.

"We're not just upset about money," she said. "We've got schools that don't have text books."

Teacher strikes illegal in Missouri

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

Although St. Louis Public School teachers may be unhappy with their pay and working conditions, many may also be reluctant to go on strike.

Striking teachers in Missouri do so in violation of the law. Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri says it is illegal for an public employee to go on strike.

Mark VanZandt, general

counsel for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, said Missouri is one among the states with a law that gives public employees the right to strike.

Others have interpreted Missouri laws as outlawing such strikes, he said.

Although a teacher strike may be illegal, the school district, may, and the community may find it impractical to do much about one.

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NEWS

Barbie fans add minis to collection

By Barbara Ponder**Staff writer**

Sharon Niedringhaus of St. Ann just wanted to replace the blonde, bubble-cut Barbie she had played with as a girl.

"Unfortunately, it didn't stop there," said Niedringhaus, who now has about 200 Barbie dolls.

Niedringhaus likens the hobby to a virus.

"Once you have one, you have to have another and

another," she said. "Then you have to have a car and a boat."

In addition to full-size dolls, Niedringhaus also owns a few of the miniature Barbies offered annually, for a limited time, in McDonald's Happy Meals.

McDonald's Restaurants began featuring the collectibles eight years ago.

The promotion, which also offers collectible Hot Wheels, will continue through Thursday

with a 4-inch replica of the Happy Holidays Barbie.

"The Barbie/Hot Wheels Happy Meal is one of the favorites," said Dean D'Amato, who owns and operates five North County McDonald's.

"Barbies are always a favorite for the girls, and I think the mommies like them pretty special too. It seems like at times they're big kids themselves."

Niedringhaus admits displaying and playing with the Barbies is fun but that's not what drives her.

"We (Niedringhaus and her husband) enjoy the chase, the finding of old dolls, old dolls and the little times pieces that go with it. We look for them when we go out of town in out-of-the-way places. It's an adventure."

Niedringhaus keeps in touch with other collectors through Fashion Doll Collectors Club. Those interested in learning more about the club can call Niedringhaus at (314) 423-8020.

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another," she said. "Then you have to have a car and a boat."

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Choosy kids choose different kind of Thanksgiving dinner

By Harry Colbert Jr.**Staff writer**

Most of St. Louis is eagerly anticipating Thanksgiving dinner.

The turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, sweet potatoes, cranberry and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. Peanut butter and jelly?

A Peanut Butter Thanksgiving is what a church in Fergu-

son is hosting Nov. 23.

The Ferguson United Methodist Church, 33 S. Portland Road, is sponsoring the event to help those in need and to impress upon young parishioners the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

"We want our kids at the church to give something they like," said the Rev. Peg Stevens, pastor of the church. "Kids like peanut butter and

jelly."

Stevens said the peanut butter and jelly children's dinner will go to food pantries in the Ferguson area. She said she hopes the Peanut Butter Thanksgiving will bring out the true meaning of the holiday for both kids and adults.

"We do whatever we can to involve the children in worship," Stevens said.

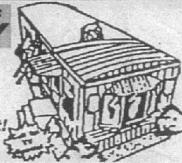
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Emily Kates, 12, of Florissant, thinks the idea is a good one.

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Art Voellinger

Interesting proposals could be on IHSA ballot

Regardless of the Legislative Commission of the Illinois High School Association accepts the following proposals and agrees to submit them to principals. I thought you might be interested in considering:

Proposal No. 4, from Ed Herr, principal of Edwardsville: "Provides that a school's governing board shall have the authority to determine if interscholastic contests will be conducted when school is not in session due to a strike."

No. 9, from Ron Ganssle, principal of Collinsville: "Grants a school which has a football game scheduled with a school which is on strike on the Monday prior to the scheduled game the option to cancel the game and schedule a game with another school. It also provides that the striking school shall not forfeit the contest and there shall be a win or loss awarded as a result of the canceled contest."

No. 7, from Greg Bradley, principal of Mt. Zion: "Provides that a transfer who is ineligible by the action of the school he/she transfers to shall be held ineligible at the school to which the student transfers for the duration of the penalty or minimum of 30 days from the date of transfer, whichever comes first."

No. 8, from Bradley: "Provides that foreign exchange students may not be eligible for the IHSA state series competition."

Now for responses from a graying scribe and follower of the IHSA and member schools and athletes from several perspectives: teacher, player, coach, parent and spectator:

Forfeits do pose a problem for schools — regardless if it's strike or not — like both ideas from Southeastern Conference principals as much as I liked both East St. Louis schools — Lincoln and East Side — being able to play one another after the teacher's strike in that city ended.

And what's so wrong with teams scheduled to play East Side and Lincoln on the same weekend playing one another? If the good of the athletes is a concern, then let them play while the teachers are striking. However, what school board wants to take that step?

Regarding Mr. Bradley's proposals, I can only wonder what water front he's been drinking from. There's no way a transfer student should be kept from gaining eligibility via summer school again, maybe it's stupid, because I thought an F grade at one school meant an F at another.

The foreign exchange matter has long been a concern because of the placement of some student athletes, especially basketball players who wind up at a foreign basketball-crazed school. The name Blab comes to mind here.

If Mr. Bradley wants such students banned from postseason, what's the sense of having them participate in the regular season? Consider again No. 8 above, that the IHSA governors meet in just athletic activities. What happens to a foreign exchange student who wants to join a speech or debate team?

Principals are to return their ballots to the IHSA office no later than Dec. 16. How would you vote?

By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

David Svezia blasted in the second goal for the Warriors against Belleville East.

By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

The Granite City (Illinois) Warriors inaugurated season in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has opened to rave reviews.

After scuttling Collinsville 5-1 on Sept. 12, the Warriors blasted Belleville East 7-1 last Wednesday to run their record to 2-0-0.

The Lancers were coming off a 4-1 loss to in-town rival Althoff, and were no match for the Granite City squad.

Second-year Lance Whittington broke in alone from center ice, skated to the slot area and smoked a wrist shot to beat Lancers goalie Adam Adams at the 7:50 mark of the opening period.

The lead quickly became 2-0 when Jared Brown sent an on-the-money pass cross ice to David Svezia who was slicing in on net. Svezia's blast was too hot to handle and the Warriors were in com-

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GRANITE CITY 7, BELLEVILLE EAST 1

mand 2-0.

The first period ended with Granite City holding a two goal lead and a 10-4 advantage in shots on goal.

Things grew worse quickly for the Lancers when Adam Weygandt was given a double-minor penalty early in the second period.

Dustin Wesley took a sharp, backhand pass from sophomore Bobby Meszaros, who weaved through a line of defensemen, and beat their just seven seconds into Weygandt's first penalty.

Eight seconds later, in the second period, the Warriors struck again. Vince Wenburg scored again, also on a pass from a rushing Meszaros, and the Warriors were up 4-0.

In another bang-bang series late in the

middle period, Brown scored off his own rebound on a Granite City power play and, just 18 seconds later, Svezia scored his second goal of the game off feeds from Brown and Meszaros. The pair of goals made it a 6-0 game in Granite City's favor.

East countered near the end of the second period when Trevor Kaburek skated into the high slot area and sent a cross-ice shot past senior goalie Robbie Slater. The period ended with The Warriors leading 6-1, and holding a 24-10 edge in shots on goal.

Sophomore Bill Pitor scored off a Wesley rebound for the only score of the third period.

After two games, the Warriors have outscored their opponents 12-2 and have outshot them 79-33.

Warriors coach Paul Solberg was pleased with his team's performance.

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Warriors win second straight

Close but still no cigar for Lady Warriors



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City sophomore Erika Todd led the Lady Warriors with 14 points Friday in a loss to Chatham Glenwood Round Robin.

Baker will be in Madison's recipe for success

By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

Looking at the four other teams in the Journal coverage area, the 1997-98 high school boys basketball season remains very much a mixed bag.

East St. Louis Trojans lost four starters and 10 of their 14 players to graduation, and will be hard-pressed to duplicate last season's sparkling performance of a 25-7 record and a state quarterfinal appearance.

Coach Al Collins brings back 6-4 senior Mauricio Baker, the prebrief guard sophomore Illinois, who promised to be one of the most heavily recruited players in the state this season. Baker averaged 17 points per game on last year's balanced offensive machine, but that total is likely to drop considerably with the sensational floor-general now representing one of the Trojans' offensive attack.

If Baker gets some help, Madison could surprise. And they will have that chance early in the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic, where they are playing Alton, Cahokia, Jerseyville, Granite City and Springfield Lan-

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against Flora (at home on Jan. 6), Pittsfield (at home on Jan. 15), Teutopolis (at home on Feb. 20), and back-to-back home games against Venice (Feb. 6) and Alton (Feb. 7). Madison also plays in the Pinckneyville Shootout on Jan. 31.

East St. Louis Senior is coming off a disappointing 7-14 season and, to make matters worse, lost the heart of its lineup to graduation. Gone are inside强men Spencer Johnson and Seth Kirkpatrick, along with Eddie Johnson. Also gone, with a broken knee cap out for the season, is 6-1 senior Marcus Lee.

The Flyers' lack of height and experience — six sophomores on a 12-man squad, tallest player 6-4 — could be a problem, but could keep them .500 for yet another season. But East Side may well make up for lack of overall team height with speed, quickness, and lightning-quick ability and what coach Dwight Howard calls "a great cut of the year's team."

East Side faces a tough test right off the bat, participating this week in the always tough Galesburg Tournament, made even tougher this year with the addition of All-American Roderick "Baby Shaq" Thompson, a Chicago

Key games for the Trojans this year are

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Comanches top Warriors in Alton opening round

By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

"We knew coming into tonight's game that Granite City had a lot of size inside that could give us some real problems," said Comanches coach Roscoe Dowell. "We knew we had to win, we were going to have to get their defensive players looking our way and take them the other.

We were going to have to utilize our superior quickness. I thought we did a good job on that tonight."

The Warriors took a quick 4-0 lead and a pair of free throws and a field goal by senior junior center Chris Tindall to give the Comanches raced back to knot the score

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SPORTS

Madison falls to Redbirds

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writerBOYS BASKETBALL
ALTON 81, MADISON 58

The Redbirds outscored Madison 12-3 during the last three minutes of the first quarter to take a 26-13 lead after eight minutes. But a pair of Baker field goals to open the second quarter put the Redbirds in a 3-point lead, followed by a Baker assist on a Chris Henley fast-break layup to put the Trojans within 28-26 with 6:57 to play.

That's when Henley drew his third foul and headed to the bench. Alton took advantage, zooming to a 46-30 lead at intermission.

With Henley out on the bench, Alton pulled away to an easy 81-58 victory Monday night in the first round of the Alton River Bend Tournament.

Still, the Trojans' 81 all-starter poured in a game-high 21 points, pulled down seven rebounds, dished out two assists and had a pair of steals in only 13 minutes and 32 seconds of playing time.

Last year, Maurice had a strong supporting cast and was able to gamble a lot on offense, said Madison mentor Al Collins. "But he must be a bit more conservative this year. He's a marked man. Teams go after him. He is regularly double-teamed. Sometimes it does frustrate him. And when it does, he sometimes tries to do too much. This year, he's got to learn to lay back a little bit."

With Henley out of the lineup, Chris Henley and Brandon Hall stepped up their play, but it was not enough to offset an potent Alton attack.

Henley scored 12 points; Hall added nine.

RESULTS

Cahokia 71, Granite City 57					
	FG	3pt	FT	Pts	
Dakota Brown	6	0	10	15	
Reagan	6	0	10	14	
Darren Goodwin	6	0	10	14	
Chris Henley	6	0	10	11	
Syron Gettis	6	0	10	11	
Brandon Hall	6	0	10	10	
DeAndre Harris	6	0	10	10	
Chris Wright	6	0	10	10	
Totals	31	1	71		
Granite City	FG	3pt	FT	Pts	
Matthew Brewer	3	0	11	16	
Zack May	3	0	11	16	
Jaquan Goodwin	3	0	10	10	
Matthew Haskins	3	0	10	10	
Matt Pistorius	3	0	10	10	
Steve Graham	3	0	10	10	
Totals	14	0	20	71	
Granite City	14	13	5	25	
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Alton 81, Madison 58

	FG	3pt	FT	Pts	
Alton	19	6	9	58	
Harrison	6	0	12	12	
James Wheeler	3	0	12	12	
Patrick Hearn	3	0	12	12	
Leah Heppner	3	0	12	12	
Michael Hayes	2	0	12	12	
Matthew Hayes	1	0	12	12	
Aaron Dupree	1	0	12	12	
Robert Morrissey	1	0	12	12	
Totals	23	6	17	81	
Matthew Haskins	FG	3pt	FT	Pts	
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•Comanches

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at 4-4. Granite took a 7-4 lead on a Zack May 21-footer. Cahokia scored 10 straight points over the next three minutes to claim a 14-7 advantage. The Warriors fought back and trail by only two (16-14) after one quarter.

Granite City took a 19-18 lead with 5:53 to play in the second period before Cahokia went on a 9-0 run to take a 35-21 lead with 2:09 left. The Warriors never recovered.

But they also never quit.

The score was 35-29 at the start of the third quarter when the Warriors scored 15 straight points for a commanding 50-29 lead. The Warriors fought back in the fourth frame, actually pulling within 5 with 1:04 remaining. But Cahokia's free throw down the stretch sealed the win.

"Cahokia is a very good athletic team," said GCHS coach John VanBuskirk. "It's

tough to fall behind a team like them and then have to gamble with the press in an attempt to catch up. But we came in the fourth quarter. We never quit. There were a lot of positives tonight which we have to work on and correct, but there were lots of positives as well. We want to build on those positives. We have to if we want to win."

Defense, especially hurt the Comanches, as Granite City gave the Comanches nine lay-ups and seven slam dunks on the evening.

"We can't do that and expect to win," said VanBuskirk. "That is some of what we'll be working on before our next game."

In the end, Brewer paced the Warriors with 17 points, followed by May with 16 and Tindall with 13.

The Comanches were led by Brown's game-high 18. Reagan tallied 16, Goodwin had 14, and Blanks scored 11.

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•Lady Warriors—

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Jessica Wallace, especially, played great defense as she always does. We simply have to stop having one bad quarter each game. If we can put four good quarters together, we will win.

It's a fact. Change one quarter only slightly in each game of the young season, and Granite City would be 3-1 instead of 0-2.

In the Saturday night finale, the Lady Warriors met eventual tournament champ Fallon, and were truly outclassed for the first time of the year.

The Lady Panthers drilled Granite City 35, sweeping to a perfect 3-0 slate in round robin action, tested only by Chatham Glenwood.

For the Lady Warriors, who

shot only 25 percent from the field, Wallace led the way with 16 points — nearly half the Granite City point total — and Debbie Moore came off the bench to punch in six points and pull down a team-high seven rebounds.

"I felt we weren't mentally ready to play against O'Fallon," said Moore. "And when you come out not ready against a team of that caliber, you are in trouble early and in trouble all night. We're not far from being a good team. Once we get the first win, we should be all right."

But a first win won't come easily with Belleville East and East Alton both looming on the horizon. Granite City travels to Belleville on Tuesday (Dec. 2) for a date with the highly touted Lancers and, then, hosts the Tigerettes two nights later.

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It was concerned that we might come out after the very emotional first win last week over Collingswood," he said. "But the players maintained their intensity and really came out flying to start the

game.

"The players executed our game plan. We made some adjustments in our practice drills after evaluating last week's game. Consequently, we were able to keep the players shots mainly to the outside while offensively controlling more of the face-offs."

Epilepsy Foundation targets women's health

More than half of women with epilepsy have seizures directly related to their changing hormonal cycles, according to a recent survey reported here today by the Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois.

In response to these findings, the Epilepsy Foundation of America and its network of affiliated agencies launched a three-year Campaign for Women's Health in November, which is national Epilepsy Awareness Month. The goal of the campaign is to improve the quality of life for more than a million women in the United States who have seizure disorders.

The executive director of the Belleville-based Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois, Donna Brostrom, said, "It's time that the specialized needs of women with epilepsy are taken seriously and that they receive the best possible treatment. We're pleased to be a part of the Campaign for Women's Health and we encourage area women who have questions about seizure disorders to use our agency as a source of information and emotional support." Epilepsy affects more than two million individuals in the United States, divided equally among males and females.

Fifty-three percent of the women surveyed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America stated that they had experienced seizures around the time of their menstrual cycle, and 49 percent indicated that their cycles were irregular.

One-third of the women surveyed indicated that their seizures changed once they became pregnant. Of those, 39 percent reported difficulty getting advice on contraception while taking anti-seizure medications (32 percent); problems with menstrual cycles (32 percent); changes in sexual desire (29 percent); concerns about caring for children safely (28 percent); the possibility of seizures that might interfere with sexual activity (24 percent); and reproductive problems (21 percent).

The survey was conducted in

1996 and 1997 and included a national sample of 245 respondents ranging in age from 16 to 82.

The Epilepsy Foundation of America is a charitable organization of local affiliates with service offices in more than 100 communities across the country. The local affiliate agency, The Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois in Belleville, serves people in St. Clair, Madison, Randolph, Monroe, Alton, Washington and Bond County. The agency's counselors provide information about epilepsy and its treatment and offer support groups. For information, call 236-4242 and ask to speak to a counselor.

A Few Tips for Women With Epilepsy

Tell your doctor if you notice a pattern to your seizures. It may be possible to reduce the number of episodes by changing when and how much medication you take.

Don't decide just because having children just because you have epilepsy. Medications with the condition can and do have normal healthy children. However, some epilepsy medications can affect the unborn child, so check with your doctor before you decide. Certain vitamins may reduce the chance of some defects. If you find that you are already pregnant, don't stop your medication on your own.

At least one epilepsy medication is known to reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Check with your doctor before using birth control pills or implants.

Be aware of possible changes in seizure patterns whenever you experience a shift in hormone levels, such as during pregnancy, following childbirth and at menopause.

Check with your doctor for help managing the situation if the seizure pattern changes.

Remember, you are not alone. Talk to and share experiences with other women with seizures. You may find they've developed coping strategies you can use.

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•Basketball

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Carver transfer, to the Galesburg line-up. Other key games for the Flyers outside of Southwestern Conference action, are home contests against Venice (Feb. 6) and Madison (Feb. 17), and an appearance in the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

East St. Louis Lincoln could be the cream of the area crop this year, as the Tigers return nine regulars from last year's 14-10 team. Coach Bonnie Lewis is who could pick up career win No. 500 late in the season, will have ample height in 6-7 senior DeWayne Watson, 6-5 senior McDonald, 6-3 junior Tevin Slater and 6-3 junior Kevin Edwards, who

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Joining Edwards, who must step up to become team leader are seniors Charlene Cotton, 6-0 sophomore Latasha Cole, 5-9 senior LaDell Collins, and 6-2 senior Shondell Atkins. Atkins, like Edwards, is potentially one of the premier players in the region.

Venice faces a string of stiff challenges, but it's the game

against Madison, Feb. 6, on the Trojan floor, that the Red Devils will be looking toward. Madison pulled away

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ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 9 a.m., 2901 Nameoki Road, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Two Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

NAMEOKI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 6, at the church, \$3.00 for Adults, and \$1.00 for children, (photo with Santa included).

GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP led by youth minister, 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome. (photo with Diane at 452-3334 or Diane at 452-3334)

PONTON BEACH'S SECOND ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA is being held for the residents of Ponton Beach from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Dec. 6, at the church, the Ponton Beach Senior Citizens Hall, door to the Police Department. Sign up at Village Hall, 3910 Hwy 111, no later than Dec. 2, at noon. You must have reservations.

MITCHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Maryville, Old Alton roads.

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BOOTS & SPURS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons 7-9 p.m., every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-6526 or 344-6363.

DAECE 7 p.m. to Midnight Nov. 22, 1997, at the KG Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road, Granite City. Refreshments, soda, donut prizes, contest for best costume, donation is \$10 per person. Call 508 Variety Shop at 931-7111, It's Showtime at 931-3750, or The Party Shop at 931-3010 for more information.

Food/Nutrition

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish Pierogi, 3361 Fehling Road, Edwardsville, first Saturday of the month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sauerkraut and kielbasa. For more information, call 876-3869, or 876-3367.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Midlothian Park is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

GRANITE CITY, FOUR SQUARE CHURCH, 1201 Old Alton Road, Edwardsville, hot meals served on charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9363.

MORRIS CHAPMAN FOOD DRIVE, Free food for the needy, Turkey and more, at 1561 Johnson Road, Granite City, Limited Registration, (Nov. 24-25). Delivery on Nov. 25. Call Chanda's office at 452-3000.

Health/Exercise

Bems Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENING, 6 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

TOPS 2383, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2901 Edwards St. For more information call Babbie at 452-0273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2901 Edwards St.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City; 876-2124.

TOPS 1545, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1899, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every

Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 877-2787. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602.

TOPS IL 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Bracriff Pentecostal Church, 4120 Pontoon Road, Granite City, down stairs. Walk-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 18 and older. Weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602.

ST. ANTHONY'S MEDICAL CENTER will present a free lecture on "Wellness". The lecture will be presented by Dr. W. G. Gaskin, MD, a board-certified psychiatrist on staff at St. Anthony's. The talk will give new evidence on diet, the environment, exercise, smoking, alcohol, phytonutrients, stress, exercise and genetics. The free lecture includes a complimentary lunch and will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Center at Unity-Hyland Behavioral Health, Building A, 10200 Kenneth Road. Seats are limited so advance registration is advised. For more information or to register, call 876-7200.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall, 1000 1/2 Main Street, every month. Doors open at 5 p.m. refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

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NOON NETWORK (2nd Wednesday of each month) 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no advance). Please be free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, 1000 1/2 Main Street, except July 4th and August 1st, at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 877-3020 or 451-6314.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of the month at Ramenelli's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 877-4250.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, 1000 1/2 Main Street, Post Home, 10322 Illinois St., Fairview Heights. Anyone who served in Korea from 1945, to the present, or any Korean War Vet, is welcome. June 1950 to Jan. 1955 is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge, 3101 Maryville Road, Granite City, 6 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

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JOURNAL

Holiday Best Recipe Contest

Residents dish out tempting creations

Suburban Journals name Metro East winners in holiday recipe contest

RECIPE CONTEST WINNERS

Overall

PAT VOSS
Belleville
Sweet Potato Casserole

Salad

PAT VOSS
Belleville
Sweet Potato Casserole

Entree

SHARON FERRIS
Granite City
Quick and Easy
Breakfast Casserole

Cheesecake

MONICA OTTEN
Belleville
Amaretto Cheesecake

Dessert

LENA COULSON
Collinsville
Double Layer
Pumpkin Pie

Long before the table was set for Thanksgiving Day, area residents festive dishes and delectable desserts whetted holiday appetites with anticipation.

On Nov. 11, Viviano's Italian Restaurant in Belleville hosted the *Suburban Journal* Holiday Recipe Contest tasting event.

A group of 12 finalists, chosen from a wide array of entries, were chosen for this year's tasting. Recipes ranging from breakfast items to sumptuous cheesecakes made difficult choices for guest judges and delighted participants and friends who sampled the dishes.

The finalists hailed from Madison and St. Clair counties and represented their respective communities tastefully.

The culinary competition began early for some contestants who decided to take advantage of the outstanding menu offered by Viviano's. Then it was on to the contest. Family members and friends of the local chefs gathered together as John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets, Joe Viviano, proprietor of Viviano's Italian Restaurant, and Scott Mander, managing editor of the Illinois *Suburban Journals*, faced the challenge of deciding who would share the honor of being recognized as the best in their respective categories.

Four classes of recipes



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Holiday recipe contest finalist gather at Viviano's Italian restaurant in Belleville for the official tasting of their entries. From left, front row, are Betty Schiessmann, Lena Coulson, Monica Otten, Vivian Deason, Linda Bland; back row, Sharon Ferris, Virginia Kupinski, Mary Trentman, Pat Voss and Lorena Sumpter.

were considered in the *Journal* contest: salad and side dishes, main dish or entree, dessert and cheesecakes. Each food item was presented to the judges by its creator and then judged on appearance, flavor, ease of preparation and appropriateness to the holiday season.

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sweet potatoes, but I was surprised by how light and creamy this recipe was," Voss said.

The main dish winner — Granite City's Sharon Ferris' Quick and Easy Breakfast Casserole — was unusual, as it was intended to be served at breakfast rather than as a dinner item. The fluffy egg and sausage combo edged out the other entries in this group.

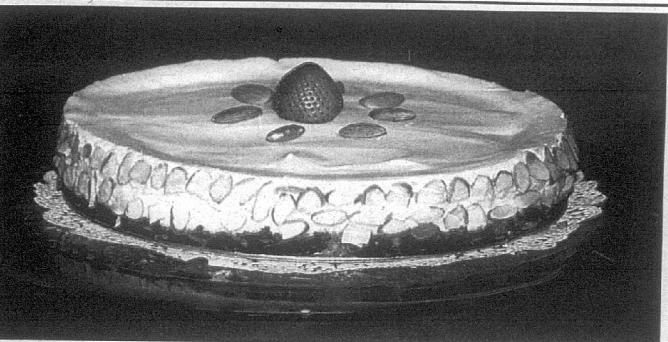
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Belleville emerged victorious for her tantalizing Amaretto Cheesecake recipe.

After the tasting, the finalists and guests were invited to sample all of the recipes. The recipes were then exchanged. O'Donnell presented each winner with a gift certificate for use in any neighborhood Schnuck's store.

In addition to winning her individual category, Voss' Sweet Potato Casserole was voted the best overall and recognized particularly for the appropriateness of the dish to the holiday theme.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

At right, overall contest winner Pat Voss of Belleville proudly displays her sweet potato casserole, which also won the side dish and salad category. Above, Monica Otten's Amaretto Cheesecake captured first place in the cheesecake category. Otten is from Belleville.



Overall Winner

AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

Crust
1 1/2 cups crushed Oreo
crumbs
1 cup finely chopped lightly
toasted almonds
1/2 cup sugar
Filling
3 8-ounce packages cream
cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup and 1 teaspoon
amaretto
Topping

2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon amaretto
Garnish
Lightly toasted, slivered
almonds

Crust: Combine crumbs, almonds, butter and sugar in a bowl. Press into bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch springform pan. Line the bottom of the oven with foil to catch the drips.

Filling: Place cream cheese and sugar together in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add cream and amaretto. Beat until

light. Pour into crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes on a wire rack. The filling will not be set.

Topping: Combine sour cream, sugar and amaretto. Spread evenly on cake. Bake 5 to 10 minutes. Top will still be jiggly in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover tightly and chill overnight. Remove from springform pan.

Garnish: Place almond slivers around outside edge of top of cake.

Serves 10 to 14 people. Preparation time is approximately 20 minutes.

Monica Otten
Belleville

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

3 cups cooked mashed
sweet potatoes or canned
sweet potatoes, drained
and mashed
1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or
oleo, softened
1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup evaporated milk
For Topping:
3/4 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or
oleo, softened
1 cup pecan halves

Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, salt and evaporated milk, mixing until creamy. Transfer mixture to a buttered 1 1/2-quart casse-

role dish.

For topping: Combine brown sugar, flour butter and pecans. Crumble mixture by hand and spread over sweet potato mixture. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 40 minutes or until topping is golden brown and mixture is heated through. Yield 8-10 servings.

Pat Voss
Belleville

Today's Food

Winning Salad-Side Dish Recipes

HOSPIN

This dish is appropriate at Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter when ham is a traditional entrée.

Hospin is a corn meal mush made from ham drippings (which are usually discarded) and spices which after cooking is placed in a mixing bowl to solidify then sliced and fried. A great breakfast meal.

The basis of this recipe is to determine a measurement of drippings from your baked ham.

Any type of ham may be cooked—boneless, partial boneless or bone-in ham. (It is our belief that any meat dish is improved when cooked from meat which has the bone intact so we prefer bone-in ham.) Plus, which can be better than a ham bone with some meat attached cooked in a pot of Great Northern beans as a bonus meal.

Now that we have a measurement of the basic ingre-

As there are several ways to bake a ham, we will suggest the two most popular ways and the amount of dripping from each.

1. The ham is wrapped in aluminum foil and baked until done. The juices from this method is all retained because there is no area for evaporation. When ham is cooked this way simply measure all liquid in pan for the basic ingredient of Hospin.

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Put ham juice and 2 of the 3 cups of water, sage, pepper and salt in a large pan and bring to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes stirring occasionally.

In a pitcher place the remaining cup of water and the cup of corn meal and mix until meal is completely moist.

After your ham juice mixture has cooked the required

time slowly pour corn meal and water mixture into boiling juice stirring continuously. This mixture will cook (stirring constantly at slow boil for 7 minutes. As it becomes thick, small bubbles which look like miniature volcanoes will come to the surface. It is best to wear long gloves while stirring to prevent burns.

When cooking is complete mixture should be extremely stiff and hard to stir. If not—add a little more corn meal and cook a little longer.

Now pour the completed Hospin into a mixing bowl and set aside to cool and solidify.

Turn hardened mixture onto slicing board or plate and slice into $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices the amount you wish to cook. Wrap remaining in aluminum foil and place in freezer. Will keep two to three weeks.

Fry slices in small amount of oil (bacon grease) on medium to high temp until light brown on both sides.

Alvin Edwards
Madison

HOLIDAY VEGGIE SALAD

Combine in large bowl:
1 can french style green beans (drained)
1 can baby peas (drained)
1 can white shoe peg corn (drained)
1 green pepper (chopped fine)
4 pieces celery (chopped fine)

Mix together in bowl:
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup salad oil
1 cup vinegar
1 Tablespoon water
1 teaspoon salt

Pour liquid over vegetables. Let set overnight covered before serving.

Lorene Sumpter
Granite City



Pat Voss of Belleville, left, receives a gift certificate from John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets.

Winning Dessert Recipes



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Lena Coulson of Collinsville gets her certificate from O'Donnell for her Double Layer Pumpkin Pie recipe.

CRANBERRY COFFEE CAKE

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, creamed with
1 1/3 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup buttermilk
2 1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
add
1 1/4 cup cranberries cut up.
1/2 pkg or 6 ounce
butter (softened)
Place in 9x13 pan
Topping
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup nuts (I like pecan
pieces)

Sprinkle topping over
dough and bake in 350-degree
oven for about 45 minutes.

Keeps well and freezes
well.

Betty Schioman
Collinsville

BURGANDY BERRY HOLIDAY MOLD

1 1/2 cup burgundy wine
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons whole cloves
4 sticks cinnamon (2-inch
each)
1 envelope unflavored
gelatin
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 3-ounce raspberry
flavored gelatin
6-ounce can frozen
concentrated cranberry
juice cocktail

DOUBLE LAYER PUMPKIN PIE

1 3-ounce Philadelphia
Brand Cream Cheese
(softened)
1 tablespoon Half and Half
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 cups Cool Whip topping
(thawed)
1 prepared graham
cracker crumb crust
1 cup cold Half and Half

Mix softened cream
cheese, tablespoon Half and
Half and sugar until smooth.
Gently stir in whipped top-
ping. Spread on bottom of
crust.

1 pound Hickory Farms of Ohio cream cheese cut into chunks (or regular cream cheese)

1 12-ounce frozen red
raspberries (about 2
cups)
Romaine leaves

Combine wine, sugar and
spices in covered saucepan
and simmer 10 minutes.
Remove from heat and
strain. Add raspberry gelatin
and stir.

Soften unflavored gelatin
in orange and lemon juice.
Add to hot wine mixture. Add
concentrated cranberry
juice. Stir until dissolved.

Place $\frac{1}{4}$ cup liquid in
blender with cream cheese.
Whip until smooth and
creamy. Set aside.

Add raspberries to remain-
ing liquid. Pour into 8 cup
gelatin mold, lightly oiled.
Chill until set. Turn out.
Gently stir to distribute rasp-
berries. Refrigerate until
almost set. Pour cream
cheese mixture over gelatin.
Chill until set.

To serve, unmold on bed of
romaine leaves. Makes 10-12
servings. It really isn't too
complicated to make and
well worth the effort.

Vivian Deason
Collinsville

into mixing bowl. Add pud-
ding mix. Beat with wire
whisk until well blended, 1-2
minutes. Let stand 5 minutes
or until well thickened.

Stir in pumpkin and spices.

Spread over cream cheese
layer. Refrigerate 3 hours or
overnight.

Garnish with additional
topping or whipped cream or
chocolate dipped pecan
halves. Serves 8. Prep time:
15 minutes.

Lena Coulson
Collinsville

Winning Entree Recipes

PASTA WITH PEPPERY BEEF AND VEGETABLES

4 ounces spaghetti
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 teaspoon ground red
pepper (optional)
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground
black pepper
1/2 cup cold water
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped green
pepper
1 cup snow peas
1 cup mushrooms
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/4 pound flank steak, cut
against the grain into bite
size pieces.

Cook spaghetti according
to package directions. Drain
and keep warm.

Combine cornstarch, soy
sauce, red pepper, black pep-
per and cold water. Set aside.

Spray wok or skillet with
non-stick vegetable spray.
Stir-fry garlic over medium
high heat 30 seconds. Add
green pepper, snow peas and
mushrooms. Stir-fry 1-2 min-
utes. Remove vegetables and
set aside.

Add oil and stir-fry beef 3-4
minutes. Add cornstarch
mixture, stirring constantly
until thick and bubbly.
Return vegetables to mix-
ture and stir 1 minute. Toss
with spaghetti. Serves 2.

Sharon Ferris
Granite City

ILLINOIS PORK KRAUT BALLS

For pork balls
1 pound hot pork sausage
1/4 cup chopped onion
8 ounces cream cheese
(softened)
4 tablespoons bread
crumbs
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons mustard
4 tablespoons parsley
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 to 2 pounds sauerkraut
(chopped and blotted
dry)

For coating
2 cups flour
2 eggs, beaten
6 tablespoons milk
2 to 3 cups bread crumbs
oil for frying

Mix all pork ball ingredi-
ents together with fork or
hand. Roll into walnut-size
balls. Roll into flour.

Mix milk with beaten eggs.
Dip flour balls into egg
mixture, then into crumbs
and again in flour.

Heat about 5 inches of oil in
pan. Drop 8-10 balls into pan
at a time. Fry until brown.
Remove and drain on paper
towels.

These can be kept in crock
until serving. Preparation
time: about 40 minutes.

Mary Trentman
Mascoutah

QUICK AND EASY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

4 slices bread
1 pound, cooked, drained
sausage
1 cup shredded cheese
6 eggs
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon dry mustard
(optional)
1 teaspoon salt
dash of pepper

Tear up bread (any kind)
and place in greased 13x9x2
inch baking dish. Brown and
drain sausage in a skillet.
Spoon sausage over bread.
Sprinkle with cheese, set
aside.

Beat together eggs, milk,
salt, pepper and mustard (if
desired). Pour mixture over
sausage mixture. Bake at 350
degrees for 35-40 minutes.
The cheese will rise to the
top.

Serves 6-8 people. Could be
made the night before, cov-
ered, refrigerated and baked
the next morning.

This is a great dish to
make for Christmas Day. I
make it the night before and
put it in the refrigerator.
While the kids are opening
gifts, the dish is cooking.
This is really a quick and
delicious dish.

Sharon Ferris
Granite City



(Staff photos by T.L. WITT)

Above, Milnot provided a
large quantity of their prod-
uct to the participants. "I'll
take some," said Mary
Trentman of Mascoutah, "I
love to bake." From left are
Monica Otten, Lena Coul-
son, Sharon Ferris and Pat
Voss. At right, Sharon Ferris
of Granite City receives her
certificate from O'Donnell
for her Quick and Easy
Breakfast Casserole.





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Winning Cheesecake Recipes

TURTLE PECAN CHEESECAKE

Crust
1 1/2 cups crushed chocolate cookies
4 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

In a one-quart mixing bowl, mix the above ingredients until well blended. Press into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan.

Cake
24 ounces cream cheese, softened
4 egg whites

AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

Crust
1 1/2 cups crushed Oreo crumbs
1 cup finely chopped lightly toasted almonds
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
Filling
3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup and 1 teaspoon amaretto

HOLIDAY CHEESECAKE

3 8-ounce pkgs cream cheese
1 cup sugar
5 eggs, large, whole

1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg whites until stiff; gradually add sugar and mix until blended. Add cream cheese and beat until smooth. Add vanilla and mix. Pour mixture over unbaked crust. Bake 45-50 minutes at 350 degrees or until a knife inserted in middle of cake comes out clean. Cool.

Sprinkle 1 cup toasted and coarsely chopped pecans over cheesecake and drizzle caramel topping and chocolate topping over top of pecans.

Topping
2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon amaretto
Garnish
Lightly toasted, slivered almonds

Crust: Combine crumbs, almonds, butter and sugar in a bowl. Press into bottom and sides of a 9" or 10-inch springform pan. Line the bottom of the even with foil to catch the drips.

Filling: Cream cheese and sugar together in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after

1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl, place cream cheese, add sugar and beat with a mixer. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Place into 10 inch pie plate. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately 65 minutes or

Caramel Topping
20 light vanilla caramels
1 or 2 tablespoons milk

Melt caramels with milk over low heat. Stir until smooth.

Chocolate Topping

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon butter or margarine

Melt chocolate chips with butter and milk over low heat. Stir until smooth.

Linda Bland
Maryville

each addition. Add cream and amaretto. Beat until light. Pour into crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Let cool and for 5 minutes on a wire rack. The filling will not be set yet.

Topping: Combine sour cream, sugar and amaretto. Spread evenly on cake. Bake 5 to 10 minutes. Top will still be jiggly in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover tightly and chill overnight. Remove from springform pan.

Garnish: Place almond slivers around outside edge of top of cake.

Monica Otten
Belleville

until cake tester comes clean. Cool and refrigerate 2 hours. Serve. Can decorate with whipped cream and marachino cherries.

Virginia Kupinski
Collinsville

CRANBERRY SALAD

1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice
1 pkg. (4 servings) raspberry gelatin
1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
1/4 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped nuts

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add enough water to juice to make 1 1/4 cups liquid.

In saucepan, bring liquid to boil. Remove from heat. Stir in gelatin until dissolved.

Break up cranberry sauce with fork. Stir into gelatin mixture. Cool until mixture begins to thicken.

Stir in pineapple, celery and nuts. Pour into mold. Chill until set.

(Staff photos by T.L. WITT)
Above, Monica Otten and her daughter, Mackenzie, serve judge Joe Viviano a slice of prize-winning cheesecake. At left, Otten receives her certificate from John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets. Below, Virginia Kupinski's Holiday Cheesecake.



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At left, Vivian Deason cuts her Burghundy Berry Holiday Mold. Far left, from left, John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets, Scott Mandrell, managing editor of the Illinois Suburban Journals and Joe Viviano, proprietor of Viviano's Italian Restaurant, faced the challenge of deciding who would share the honor of being recognized as the best in their respective categories.

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Childbirth Refresher Class

The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

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This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

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This two-session program teaches you how to care for, play with and protect your infant from birth to age 12 months. Topics presented include: newborn care, infant feeding, baby bathing, when to call the

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Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

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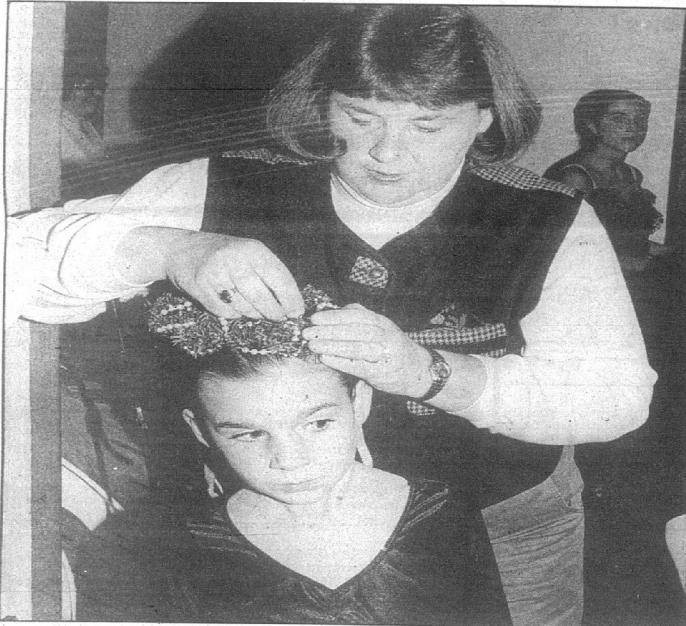
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Above, Taran Holdener, Lauren Bieri, Clarissa Ries and Jonathon Saia rehearse for the Nutcracker Suite. Above left, Katie Thurman twirls her ribbon in Act II.



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Above, one of the performers from The Belleville School of Ballet gets her hair fixed. At right top, Cassie Zuger, left, concentrates on the opening of Act II. At right, Tiffany Moll shows off her form in Act II. Patti Woods Harrington is director and owner of the school. The school is located at 310 E. Main St.



Retirement community services encourage independence

Retirement communities are increasing in number throughout the country and the Midwest is no exception. The advancing technologies in health-area services, healthy lifestyles, and early retirement have all contributed to living longer, healthier lives than past generations. The average American will live an additional 15 years after retiring, and the market is definitely reaching out to them.

Retirement communities vary greatly, but have some basic similarities. Most communities consist of independent apartments. Like any apartment complex, residents drive their own cars, cook their own food, do their own shopping, and live independently from each other. Many retirement communities offer services on the premises to encourage independence. Facility services like transportation, a dining room maid and linen service are available to those who may not drive or simply do not wish to cook for

themselves. Security is another asset that most retirement communities offer. Patrolled grounds or locked doors limit accessibility and require outsiders to enter through a manned entrance.

On the other hand, some communities practice a "nothing-under-one-roof" philosophy. Their goal is to be able to provide everything that is necessary and accessibility to everything else. These retirement communities emphasize choice. They offer banking on site, physician and podiatrist visits, educational health-care services, and recreation with a holistic approach present services for the mind, body, and soul. They have educational programs, speakers, and libraries. They encourage exercise, good diet, and fitness prevention. They offer multiple levels of health-care services. Spiritual needs are addressed according to one's own beliefs, through both ecumenical services and mass.

Health and independence are closely linked. Caring for one's own health is the key to maintaining independence. Retirement communities realize this, and plan programs and services to maintain independence. Dietitians plan well-balanced meals, exercise and dance classes are available, and educational speakers present updates on wellness issues. Some have nurses' clinics, to supply information and answer health related questions, or assist in monitoring hypertension, diabetes, etc.

Other communities associate with a home health agency to provide needed temporary in-home services.

A number of differing levels of health-care services exists. A skilled nursing unit is licensed to provide 24-hour skilled nursing services. Advanced health-care services may be available, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapies. Equally important is wound care. In Illinois regulation, an in-service requiring licensed health-care professionals. Skilled nursing facilities are beneficial in the short term, as in a fractured hip or CVA, commonly referred to as a stroke. In fact, much of the care that was provided in hospitals in the past is now provided in skilled nursing facilities.

The shift in care providers was initiated by Medicare limitations on both the allowable number of hospital days and the reimbursement that hospitals receive. Some hospitals have responded by building or converting part of the hospital into skilled nursing facilities in order to provide continued care. Even in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare reimbursement for which treatment is provided meets certain criteria and funding is limited to a maximum of 100 days. Nationally, Medicare pays less than 2 percent of all nursing home care.

Several communities have a skilled nursing facility attached to their independent apartments. However, a growing number of individuals are somewhere in between, not requiring 24-hour skilled care, but needing a little assistance, maintaining their independence. Surprisingly, an extra hand with a bath or a simple medication reminder can go a long way to maintaining their independence in their own apartment.

There are many advantages to selecting a retirement community that offers the entire spectrum of services. Even if a particular service is not currently needed, one is reassured to know that the services are available. Couples benefit by offering assistance to the care giving spouse. Residents have the freedom to move back and forth from one level of service to another without moving away from friends or their spouse. Multiple care level complexes encourage individuals to maintain the highest level of independence possible.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Mercedes-Benz SL500



Mercedes-Benz SL500 is traditional luxury roadster

By Tom Strongman

Even though it is not as cheeky as the little SLK, the other Mercedes-Benz roadster, the SL series, is an eminently enjoyable two-seater loaded with luxury and panache.

SL comes in three flavors - 320, 500 and 600 - and there's a choice of a V-8 from a six for the 320 to a V-12 for the 600. I drove an SL500 equipped with a 5.0-liter V-8 engine and the optional Sport package of 18-inch wheels and more aggressive front and rear spoilers designed by AMG, a German after-market company, with close ties to Mercedes. This package adds \$4,900 to the already hefty base price of \$89,900, putting the total price on par with three-bedroom homes in suburban areas.

While that is out of reach for the majority of us, the privileged folks who buy SLs don't have to worry about the monthly payment or cost of insurance. To them, this car competes with the hot rods or yachts.

Decked out in white paint and with a refrigerator, with huge tires and ground-effects spoilers, our test car had the stance of a ballet dancer on steroids. Its muscles were so tight, it could gobble up the pavement without breaking a sweat.

Sport package added a bit too conspicuous

in white and I frequently caught people staring at me. If you prefer a lower profile, choose the standard model or else pick a dark color.

Tromp the throttle and the 315 horses respond with authority. It is clearly more of

a high-speed touring car than a drag racer because it gathers speed elegantly, deliber-

ately, as one would expect of a luxury car that weighs more than 4,000 pounds. On the highway it motors along with such assurance that you have to consciously reign it back to keep from zooming well past the speed limit.

When I drove the SL500 the weather was still warm, and it was most enjoyable to drop the top, put up the windows, and motor. The wind-blocking screen that folds up behind the seats kills much of the turbulence that otherwise would buffet the passenger cabin.

While the SL doesn't have the razor-sharp responses or punishing ride of an all-out sports car, its handling is considerably smoother than a boulder-crawler, due mainly to the prodigious grip of the high-performance tires—and 18-inch wheels.

When the road is twisting and you have the

steering wheel down it is a joy.

Pulling the top down is absolutely painless. On the console there is a red knob that looks like a miniature model of the top. One touch is all it takes for the top to completely drop and fold itself under a hard cover. It takes only a few seconds for you to enjoy the freshness of top-down driving.

Inside, leather abounds, and the seats are as comfortable as orthopedic shoes. The instrument layout is the same as every Mercedes, which is to say, logical, readable and oriented toward the driver's job easy. Secondary controls for radio and climate control can be a tad cryptic, but are easily figured out.

The air-bag sensor in the right seat deactivates the passenger-side air bag when it detects less than 26 pounds in the

Given this car's price and stature, nearly every imaginable convenience item is standard, from 10-way electric seats to headlight washers and a roll bar that pops into a third of a second should you tip over.

Front and side air bags are standard, as are traction control and anti-lock brakes.

The keyless remote vehicle access system uses infrared light so thieves cannot snatch the radio signals with a scanner.

Driving at night was a joy because of the optional xenon headlights, whose blue-white color illuminates the dark road better than standard bulbs. At \$950, they are an expensive option, but they last longer than regular lights and provide more better visibility.

It has been 40 years since Mercedes-Benz introduced the first 300SL roadster, a car now hailed as a landmark classic. Whether the SL500 will fall into the same category remains to be seen, but it has earned a respectable place in the company's history.

The base price of our test car was \$10,500. Extra-cost items included a CD changer, Xenon headlights and the Sport package.

The base sticker price was \$86,510.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: The SL500 is a classic roadster with the refinement of a luxury sedan and the performance of a grand touring car.

The automatic top is painless and the seats are as comfortable as your favorite pair of shoes.

Counterpoint: The Sport package feels responsive handling but also made me feel conspicuous. For a lower profile, choose the regular model and add the bigger wheels.

SUVs made huge impact on auto industry

By Rick Stoff

What will the next hot vehicle be? It could be anyone's guess.

Fourteen years ago, who would have imagined that something like the minivan could become the hottest new vehicle type in decades? Chrysler Corp. did, and its success with the minivan helped immeasurably in keeping the company viable.

In the 1990s, who could have imagined the impact that sport-utility vehicle would make on the automotive industry? Many SUVs don't carry as many people or as much cargo as a minivan. They deliver less fuel economy, may have a bouncier ride and cost more.

Sure, when they are in four-wheel-drive they can crawl up muddy mountain roads, but how often is that dilemma encountered between here and Belleville or Ballwin?

But they sure do look cool, and deliver an image that may be desirable just because it makes an anti-minivan statement.

In the 1997 model year Americans purchased more than 2.6 million vehicles that could be classified as sport-utility vehicles, approximately one of every six new vehicles. The range ranged from basic Jeep Wranglers to the high-end Jeep Grand Cherokee, high-volume Ford Explorers and Chevy Blazer and high-dollar Chevy Suburbans and Ford Expeditions.

The top three chassis alone accounted for more than a million in the 1997 model year.

The Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer SUVs were among the best-selling vehicles overall last year, with 431,795 units rolling out of factories as fast as they could be put together. The Jeep Grand Cherokee, which once was the minivan of itself, finished a robust second with 367,600 sales. GMC's MotorGuide off-the-road sport-utility, sold as the Chevy Blazer, GMC Jimmy and Oldsmobile Bravada, sold 336,750 copies.

And still more companies are introducing products for the minivan to join an already crowded field. Mercedes-Benz just introduced a minivan. Who could be next? Porsche and Cadillac? Yes, actually 1/2 the automotive magazines carry rumors that these companies are mulling sport-utility concepts.

Industry analysts expect there will be 6 million of the critters on the road by the year 2000. As a result, the current era is the first in ages that the average fuel economy of the American fleet is climbing rather than shrinking. The Sierra Club blames America's current taste for heavier sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks for the decline in fuel economy of new vehicles to 24.6 miles per gallon down from 25.8 mpg a decade ago.

Industry analysts also are wondering how long the boom will last. Some believe that just about everybody who wants a sport-utility vehicle has one by now.

In addition, the high-volume production years are already a couple of years back, making room for used and off-lease sport-utilities soon will arrive to the "pre-owned" market. That gives buyers the option of buying a used high-end vehicle rather than an entry- or mid-level selection. It's getting to be a buyer's market, whether you go off the road or not.

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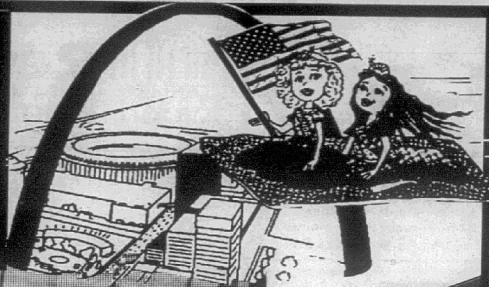
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"But we always have people at Christmas who are interested in adding to a collection of antique ornaments."

What has also boosted the market for antique ornaments, especially the hand-blown glass ornaments that began to appear in the mid-1800's in Europe, are the innovative

ways they are being used in current magazines.

"Some people want solid color ornaments and some want the multi-colored," Kuykendall said. "Some still use them on trees while others like to experiment and use them in glass bowls like they see in Martha Stewart."

"What we have seen lately is the return of the popularity of the silver trees with the revolving colored lights from the 50s and 60s," she said.

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Some involved in the downtown Granite City Christmas project are, from left, Brad Eavenson, chairwoman Judy Whitaker, and co-chairwoman Roberta Barham; and back row, Mike Gerboc, Judy Knapp, Ed Kirby and Rosemarie Brown.

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Downtown will shine

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A city festooned with colorful lights and decorations can add greatly to the holiday season.

Several Granite City merchants and business owners want to make the downtown area shine this year, and have already started gathering lights and decorations in preparation for the arrival of Santa Claus.

The jolly old elf himself is coming to town the day after Christmas, and Santa's Holiday Avenue will be ready for him.

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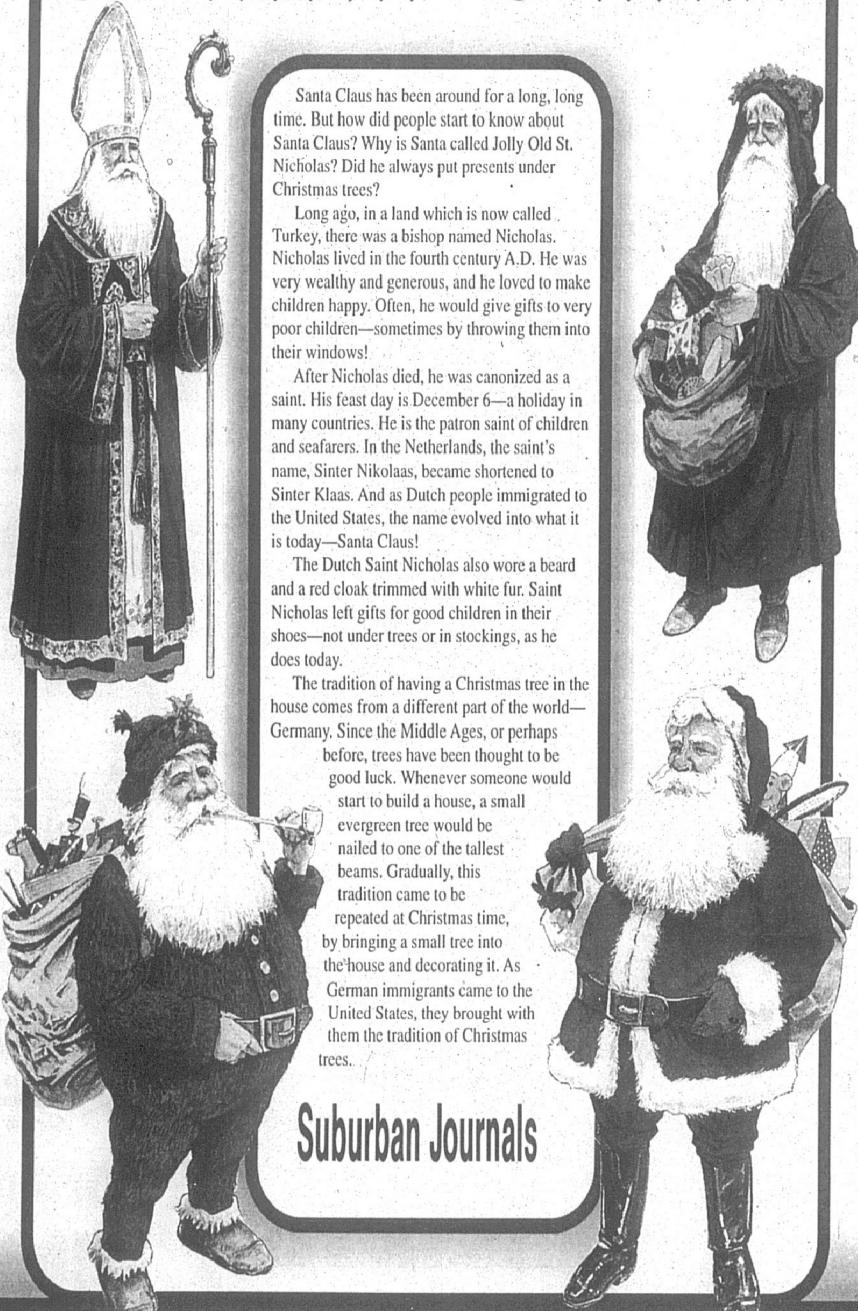
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The History Of Santa Claus



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Long ago, in a land which is now called Turkey, there was a bishop named Nicholas. Nicholas lived in the fourth century A.D. He was very wealthy and generous, and he loved to make children happy. Often, he would give gifts to very poor children—sometimes by throwing them into their windows!

After Nicholas died, he was canonized as a saint. His feast day is December 6—a holiday in many countries. He is the patron saint of children and seafarers. In the Netherlands, the saint's name, Sinter Nikolaas, became shortened to Sinter Klaas. And as Dutch people immigrated to the United States, the name evolved into what it is today—Santa Claus!

The Dutch Saint Nicholas also wore a beard and a red cloak trimmed with white fur. Saint Nicholas left gifts for good children in their shoes—not under trees or in stockings, as he does today.

The tradition of having a Christmas tree in the house comes from a different part of the world—Germany. Since the Middle Ages, or perhaps before, trees have been thought to be good luck. Whenever someone would start to build a house, a small evergreen tree would be nailed to one of the tallest beams. Gradually, this tradition came to be repeated at Christmas time, by bringing a small tree into the house and decorating it. As German immigrants came to the United States, they brought with them the tradition of Christmas trees.

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A glimpse back in time

Museum displays look at Christmases of old

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

Collinsville Historical Museum and the Madison County Historical Museum in Edwardsville, will provide a

glimpse of Christmas past in seasonal displays this year.

Holiday visitors to the Collinsville Historical Museum can see how early Christmas trees were decorated with this year's exhibit, "It's An Old Fashioned Tree."

"We decorated a seven-foot artificial pine using popcorn, bread ornaments, wooden beads and paper ornaments we made about 10 years ago," said Floyd Sperino, co-curator of the museum. The tree includes old fashioned clip candles, the original method of lighting the tree.

"The standard equipment in those days were two buckets of water," Sperino said. "It wasn't a very safe way to light the tree."

The tree will be displayed with a remnant of the facade of the old Look-Dilliard home.

The new tree display joins authentic sleigh bells and a dyed goose quill Christmas tree brought from Europe at the turn of the century, both on permanent display, and a collection of old Christmas postcards.

Of special interest to children is a collection of the museum's antique toys.

"We always look forward to lots of children visitors to our museum," said Sperino.

"Maybe by looking at how trees use to be decorated, families will want to spend a little time together designing their own tree decorations."

The museum is on the lower level of the Collinsville Public Library.

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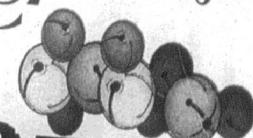
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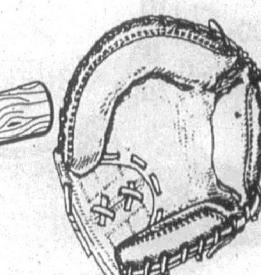
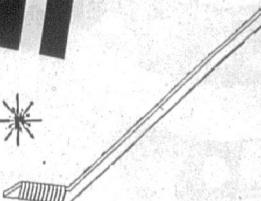
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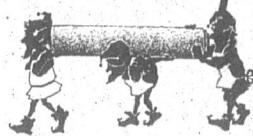
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Holiday contest planned

By Jason White
Staff writer

The holiday season will be observed in a variety of ways in Alorton, Cahokia, Centreville, Dupo and East St. Louis.

Each year, the village of Alorton encourages December decorating.

"For the last five or six years, the village has a contest going for the person with the most unique or beautiful decoration," Mayor Callie Mobley said.

The contest starts on Dec. 1, and the best decoration is judged on Dec. 23. Centreville Meat Market supplies the prizes for contest winners.

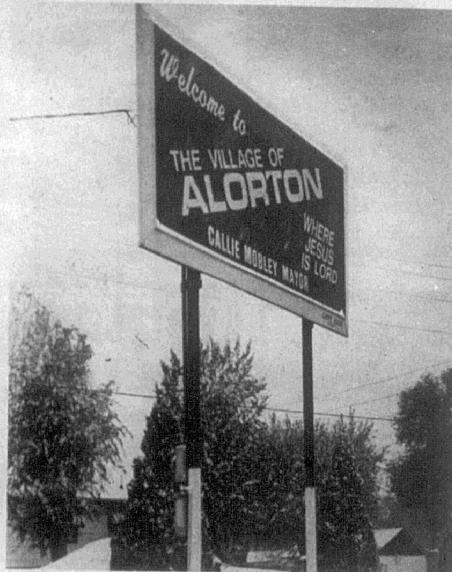
"It really enhances the look of the village during the Christmas season," Mobley said. "It draws a lot of attention from people."

In addition to the contest, the village also decorates near the large "Welcome to Alorton" sign at Missouri Avenue and 42nd Street.

Cahokia Community Basket is currently accepting applications for Christmas Baskets, a program to provide extra food for the needy during the holidays.

This year, the 15-year-old program has been expanded to include Cahokia, Dupo, East Carondelet and Sauget. Applications will be accepted Nov. 20-26 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

The Community Basket distributes commodities for



(Staff photo by JASON WHITE)

The season's first snowfall blankets Alorton's welcome sign at Missouri Avenue and 42nd Street. In December, the village decorates the sign and also holds a contest for the best decorations. The best time to view the decorations is the week before Christmas.

the village of Cahokia, co-director Audrey Lourwood said.

To receive a basket, residents must have proof of residence and must meet income requirements. For information, call 337-1580.

For 17 years, Friends of Daugherty Public Library have sponsored Breakfast With Santa in Dupo.

Santa will arrive from the North Pole at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 at the VFW Sugarloaf Hall in Dupo. He will scarf down a continental breakfast and distribute several prizes.

"A lucky winner gets to ride with Santa on a Dupo fire truck," said Leslie Sopp.

organizer of the event.

Tickets are available at Daugherty Public Library. For information, call 286-4444.

In East St. Louis, the Bakari Institute will hold the only seven-day Kwanzaa celebration on either side of the river.

The event will be from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 at Metropolitan Community College in East St. Louis. Each night will feature traditional African dances, poetry recitations and oral tributes to people, places and events.

For information, call 414-0202.

Don't delay on holiday mail

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When it comes to Christmas mail — especially packages — mailing early is still the best advice.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, catalogs and advertisements will be overflowing mail boxes everywhere. Then the orders, the packages themselves, and a sea of red and green Christmas cards.

To ensure everything gets to the proper destination, Charlie Parkinson, postmaster at the Granite City Post Office, said customers need to remember to mail their packages and letters as early as possible.

Packages can be sent by parcel post up to Dec. 15, but to ensure delivery after that date they have to be sent by priority mail. Parkinson said the Post Office has a pretty good reputation for delivery after Dec. 15, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

"You'd rather spend a little extra money to get it there by Christmas than to disappoint the grandkids," he said.

Parkinson said things really get going around Thanksgiving. Christmas cards create special problems.

Because of the bright colors — red and green being the favorite — the cards have to be sorted by hand.

"It's not the size, but the color of the envelopes," Parkinson said. "We use a lot of machinery today with optical character readers."

The character readers can deal with lighter shades, but dark reds and greens do not provide enough contrast with the writing, so those letters are kicked out and have to be sorted by hand.

"If it's a really dark color, that really slows it down," he said. When shipping packages, Parkinson said to:

- Make sure the return address is inside the package, in case the address on the outside of the package is damaged.
- Do not use string; use heavy duty packing tape.
- For fragile items, wrap them in newspaper, bubble wrap or packing peanuts.
- Use good solid cardboard boxes.

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"The main goal is to decorate the park area across from the YMCA," said Judy Whitaker, who is city clerk for Granite City and serving as chairwoman for Santa's Holiday Avenue. The group wants to show area children a good, family Christmas.

Merchants, especially those

along Neidringhaus Avenue near the park and city hall, will decorate their businesses. The plan is to for the park to be lit with hundreds of lights that will run down Neidringhaus and 19th Street and all around City Hall.

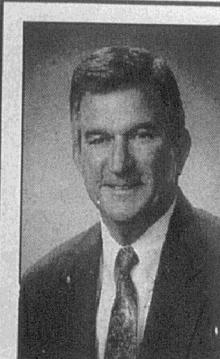
The group succeeded in securing \$10,000 in city tax increment financing funds to use as seed money to which merchants and other interested parties are encouraged to donate.

When a merchant donates to the Santa Avenue fund to purchase a Christmas scene, the merchant or business name will be placed on that scene, Whitaker said.

She said the Santa House, where St. Nick will set up shop for visitors, will be ready for Santa the day after Thanksgiving.

A parade welcoming Santa will start at Granite City High School and end at the park on Neidringhaus Avenue. The Lions Club will offer holiday photographs for \$5 each of children posing with Santa. Carriage rides will also be offered.

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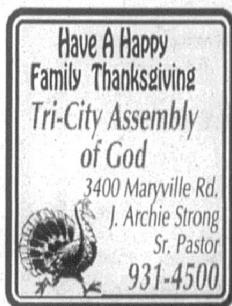


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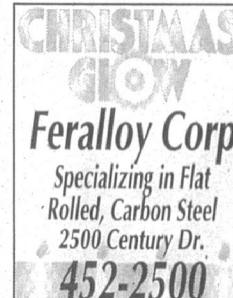
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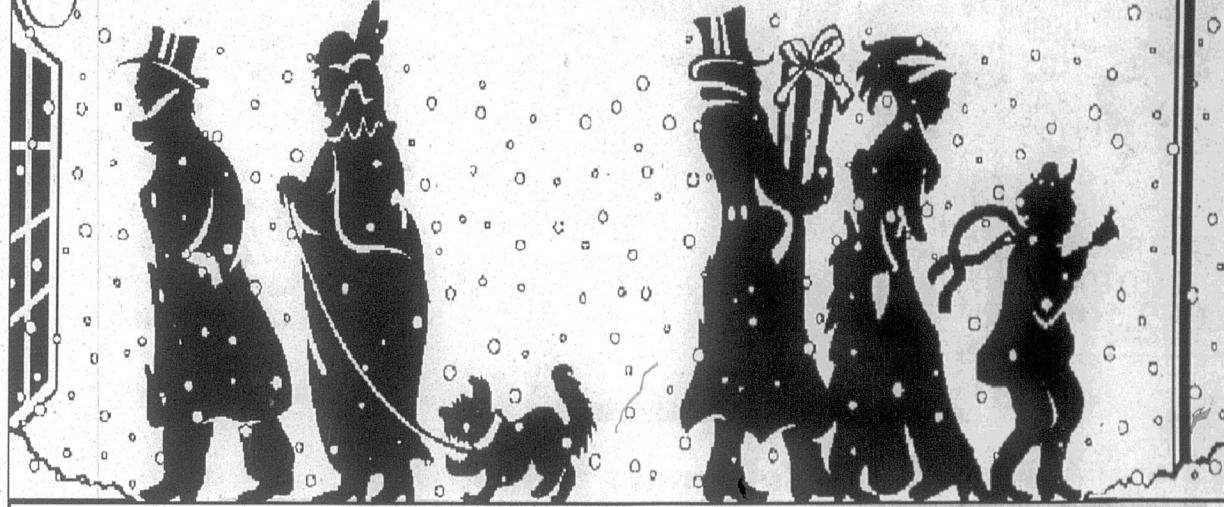
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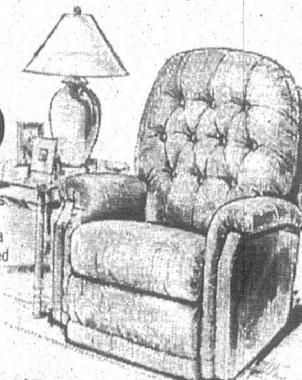
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